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of Ottawa = Ottawa Vaad Hakashrut*

Dear Friends,

For the past two years, I have had the honour to preside over this wonderful community. We have had exquisitely satisfying moments, such as our 50th Anniversary Dinner, the Holocaust Gathering, and we had moments of tragic sorrow and grief.

But at all times, I have felt the vibrancy and strength of this community, transmitted through the hundreds of volunteers and thousands of participants in our communal life whose achievements are recorded in this issue's reports. Your pride in the community and your dedication to its continued development is the one ingredient without which we would be like every other community. No worse, perhaps, but certainly no better.

This will appear to be an extremely parochial and perhaps chauvinist statement to many. But I have no hesitation in making it because I have the evidence to support it.

Evidence of our outstanding success in fund-raising and in our effective use of these funds to meet a myriad of communal needs. Certainly there is much more to be done and much that we are doing can and should be done better.

But I sincerely believe we have every right to be proud of this community. And being proud of it, we must all ensure that, in this time of rapid changes, the peculiar blend of people and structures that have worked so well for us in the past, continue to be nurtured in the future.

The many persons who served as your Board of Trustees of the Vaad, as members of my executive, and the staff of the Vaad have, over the past two years done much to add to this community. I am deeply indebted to them all for their selfless and often tireless efforts. I am confident that our new executive and Board, to be elected on June 12, will work with my successor to continue this tradition.

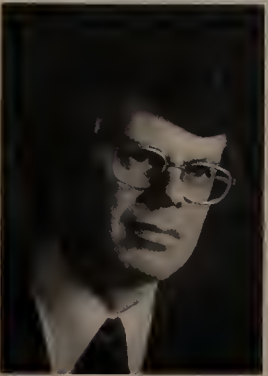
I thank each and every one of you, the members of the Ottawa Jewish Community, for being who and what you are — and for giving me this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to represent you and to serve you. I pray this community will grow, in peace, in harmony and in the performing of good deeds.

Samy Lichnick

1983-85 Officers



Joseph Lieff, Q.C.
Immediate Past President



Gerald Berger
First Vice President



Lorry Greenberg
Treasurer

The Composition and Functions of the Jewish Community Council Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir

The Jewish Community Council, or Vaad Ha'ir as it is more popularly known, is the central organization of this community. It is governed and administered by the Officers and Executive Committee and a Board of Trustees elected annually by members in good standing of the Jewish community. Committed and respected leaders have been at the helm of the organization since its inception.

Patterned after the kehilla system of eastern Europe, the Vaad has been the catalyst around which the community has coalesced.

Over the years it has grown into a federated network of local, national and overseas agencies and organizations.

The functions of the Vaad can best be described as follows:

1. Serves as the umbrella through which our educational, cultural, social, charitable and communal relation needs at home and abroad are satisfied.
2. Represents the community in areas of Jewish and general interest.
3. Promotes co-operation among Jewish organizations to help them achieve their objectives.
4. Conducts the United Jewish Appeal Campaign which is the life line for the program and services we fund on the local, national and Israel scene.
5. Sets communal priorities through a sophisticated mechanism of the Planning, Priorities and Budgeting system which avoids duplication of services and disperses funds in an organized way.
6. Plans for the future in order to keep pace with expanding needs of our growing community.
7. Promotes the Jewish Community Foundation of Ottawa.
8. Maintains the community calendar and publishes the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review.

The volunteer leadership entrusts the day-to-day implementation of its program to the dedicated professional and support staff. A listing of these individuals is contained elsewhere in this issue.

In summary, the Vaad represents you the community. The involvement and interest of each individual guarantees that the needs of the community are met. The Vaad is constantly on the lookout for volunteers and is committed to developing young leaders to carry out its many functions. The communal agencies require your assistance. All one must do is come forward and indicate an interest.

Any comments or questions on any of the reports contained in this issue should be directed to the Officers who will be pleased to hear from you.



Harvey Lithwick
President



Stephen Victor, Q.C.
Second Vice President



Dr. Eli Rabin
Honorary Secretary

President's Report

Harvey Lithwick



My annual report can not begin this year without paying tribute to the memory of our Executive Vice-President Hy Hochberg, who passed away in February of this year. The reports of the various committees contained in these pages, many of which he was instrumental in establishing and involved with on a daily basis, serve as testimony to the legacy that he leaves for all of us. May his memory be a blessing for all.

This past year a number of the initiatives undertaken at the outset have been concluded or are presently in the completion stage.

To provide a framework for all our planning activities the Long-Range Planning Study under the chairmanship of Dr. Charles Freedman is analyzing past activity and trends in the future and will be completing its work this fall.

Youth has always been a priority in this community. The question we raised was how can we interest and foster the Jewish identity of our young people.

Dr. Nordau Kanigsberg, Chairman of the Teen Committee composed mainly of teenagers, representatives of the Jewish Community Centre and other youth professionals in the community have concluded their discussions and have brought forward a number of recommendations. Among their findings is the need for additional staff to enable the Centre to conduct outreach and develop innovative alternate programming among our youth. It is noteworthy that a number of the recommendations contained in the Report are already being implemented and deliberations are continuing for the purpose of initiating other suggestions in the fall.

The Council on Aging, chaired by Dr. Bernard Dolansky, was established to co-ordinate the programs and activities of our various agencies and organizations serving the senior adult community. Their labours resulted in the publication of a guide outlining services and programs for the older adult available in the Jewish community. A similar handbook is being prepared for teens and their parents in the community.

As part of our concern of planning for the needs of the elderly, our Committee on Housing undertook a survey to determine the need for senior adult housing in the community and on the basis of its findings applied to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for construction of a 60-unit apartment building for senior adults adjacent to the Jewish Community Centre. The selection of the site at 151 Chapel ensures a linkage to the vast network of programs, services and ancillary facilities available in the present building. We are pursuing the application with hopes of receiving approval in 1986.

The Joint Vaad/Hillel Lodge Task Force continued to meet to assist the Lodge in considering alternatives to coping with the long-term goal of Hillel Lodge in light of the changing nature of the population it was set up to serve.

Jewish education has always been a priority in this community. Statistically, a large percentage of our children are receiving some

form of Jewish education, and this proportion is higher than the average among Jewish communities in North America. A record we should be proud of.

We urge everyone who has not yet made Jewish education available to their children to take advantage of our wide variety of excellent facilities. Get involved in PTA's and Boards and enjoy the benefits.

The Vaad/Talmud Torah Board Task Force Report completed its investigation. It focused on the relationship between the Jewish Community Council and Hillel Academy and the need to ensure sufficient broad-based communal representation on the Talmud Torah Board.

The recommendations of the Report are being deliberated by the Talmud Torah and will be incorporated into their constitution.

In a departure from previous years, our Community Relations Committee actively met with candidates previous to both the Federal and Provincial elections to discuss with them the concerns of the Canadian Jewish community.

The Bulletin continues to be a highlight in our community. Thanks to the dedication of our editor, Mrs. Cynthia Engel and the Bulletin Committee, it records communal events, serves as a news digest and vehicle for opinions. It is the envy of many communities our size.

The improved outdoor facilities of the Jewish Community Campus at 881 Broadview and the amalgamated Early Childhood Centre on the ground floor of the building has transformed the building into a first class educational and communal facility.

The Jewish Community Centre will be operating its day camp for the first time at the Campus this summer and the enthusiasm generated amongst parents and participants is overwhelming.

Credit can also be given to the Jewish Community Centre for its innovative programming highlighted this year by the Mama Loshen Yiddish speaking group, creative Yom Ha'Atzmait program, and theatre arts camp.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my position is meeting those generally unheralded volunteers who serve this community so devotedly. The list includes those involved with the 50+ Group, the Shalom Welcome Service, Shalom Ottawa staff, the History and Archives Committee, the Board of the Jewish Community Campus and the J.S.U. — Hillel Board and so on throughout the list of beneficiary and associated agencies of the Vaad. We are proud to be affiliated with them.

A highlight of this past year which I have written about previously was the Canadian Gathering of Holocaust Survivors and their Children. The army of volunteers subscribed to assist in this very important function is a credit to our community.

We welcomed the Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel when he visited Ottawa.

The Ottawa Chapter of the Israel Cancer Research Fund was admitted as a member of the Vaad.

Ottawa continues to be held in esteem in the National organiza-

tions with which we are affiliated, Canadian Jewish Congress, Council of Jewish Federations and United Israel Appeal of Canada. Our voice carries weight in key committees such as the National Budgeting Conference, which allocates U.J.A. funds in Ottawa and in U.J.A. itself in Project Renewal.

We are involved in a review of the services of the Canadian office of Council of Jewish Federations and in the overall discussion related to determining the future directions of their service to Canada.

In retrospect it has been a good year. Some issues have been resolved, some old ones have not been resolved and there are always new ones that must be addressed. Your involvement is of utmost importance. The Human Resources Committee, chaired by Stuart Levine, is

developing a plan for recruiting volunteers to the various committees of the Vaad, beneficiary agencies and organizations that are associated with us. Perhaps that will alleviate some of the concerns that it is difficult for skilled individuals to offer their services and attain leadership positions in the community.

I would like to close by expressing my gratitude to my associates of the Vaad Executive and the Board of Trustees. They have been a source of inspiration and strength. To our professional and administrative staff who have carried on under much stress this past year and have done so professionally and with so much devotion, I can only say, that we are truly fortunate to have you as part of our community.

Community Relations / C.I.C.



Stephen Victor, Q.C., Chairman
Mrs. Barbara Farber, Deputy Chairman

With the untimely passing of Merida Sachs and the retirement of Murray Ages as Co-Chairmen of the C.I.C./Community Relations Committee, it became necessary to consider a complete reorganization of the Committee.

While this process was taking place, a federal election was called for September 4, 1984. An Ad Hoc Constituency Committee was created with the help of Bob Willmot and Mark Resnick to meet the three candidates in each of the five ridings in the Ottawa area. Each constituency committee chairman and members met those candidates individually at the Jewish Community Centre in order to discuss with them concerns of the Jewish Community. This approach was very well received by the candidates, who in most cases were not well informed up to that point on subjects such as Canada-Israel Relations, Hate Literature and Nazi War Criminals in Canada.

Later last fall, the Executive Committee of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council appointed Stephen Victor as Chairman of the Canada-Israel/Community Relations Committee. The mandate of the committee is to develop programs and activities within the Jewish and general community together with the National Canada-Israel Committee, to develop activities to foster interfaith understanding and mutual respect, and open communication with other organizations in the general community.

Together with Barbara Farber as his Deputy Chairman, Stephen has reorganized the entire committee to reflect today's needs.

Stella Torontow was appointed as liaison to the Board of the National Canada-Israel Committee. Joseph Lief, Q.C., agreed to be the Chairman of the newly-formed Political Liaison Committee. This committee will organize periodic meetings with Members of Parliament of the five constituencies in the Ottawa area, in order to share with them the concerns of the Jewish Community. Saul Ross, Judge Jackie Horwitz, Professor Joseph Magnet and Ar-

nold Fradkin will work closely with Mr. Lief in this area.

The new chairman of the Media Monitoring Committee, Arnold Fradkin, will seek to foster a better level of understanding of Israel and the Jewish community amongst the media.

Rabbi Arnold Fine will continue to act as the liaison in all interfaith activities.

A new committee, under the leadership of Norman Torontow, was established to reach out to local business groups, service clubs and the Chamber of Commerce.

Julie Taub has agreed to organize Forums and Seminars for information and education of the Jewish and non-Jewish community on subjects relating to the interests of the Jewish community.

Professor Joseph Magnet and Dr. Aviva Freedman will be the liaison between the Committee and the universities and other centres of education.

Rebecca Kaufman, as Chairman of the Shalom Ottawa T.V. committee, will work closely with the Community Relations Committee in preparing the program for the monthly television presentation.

The members of the Committee have been eager to put their expertise to work. The Political Liaison Committee has taken advantage of the recent Canada-Israel Conference to arrange follow-up constituency meetings with their respective M.P.'s to further discuss with them our concerns about Israel, the amendments to the Criminal Code regarding Hate Literature and the presence of the Nazi War Criminals in Canada.

Julie Taub has been actively organizing a Forum on the Topic of Hate Literature and the Criminal Code together with the University of Ottawa and other sponsoring bodies. This Forum will take place on September 8.

The Committee plans to work throughout the summer months to plan further programs for the next season.

Staff support for the C.I.C./Community Relations Committee is provided by Lillian Laks.

United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa

Dr. Stanley Labow, General Chairman



In order to adhere more closely to the prevailing pattern throughout North America, the 1985 United Jewish Appeal Campaign began on November 1. A number of new people were brought into the Campaign Cabinet, creating a blend between our veteran campaign workers and younger people being groomed for increased responsibilities. Our aim was to run a fast-paced Campaign which would compress our solicitations into a relatively short time-frame.

Our U.J.A. Mission to Israel is a very important element in our fund-raising and leadership development. This year, our group of 24 left on September 10 and returned on September 23. We were briefed on the military, political and economic situation and generally gained an insight into the dynamics of Israeli life which was only possible by that kind of first-hand encounter. On the way home, we stopped in Rome to visit places of Jewish interest and meet with members of the Italian Jewish Community which allowed us to compare funding and various aspects of Jewish Communal Life.

The concept of soliciting prior to the opening events proved most successful. At the Major Gifts Dinner on Tuesday, October 30th, \$1,400,00. had already been pledged to the 1985 Campaign. The Co-Chairmen of the Major Gifts Division, Herbert Nadolny, Avraham Iny and Stephen Victor and the Co-Chairmen of the Special Names Divisions, Irving Swedko, Eli Rabin, Stephen Greenberg and Alfred Friedman deserve much of the credit for their efforts.

Super Sunday was held on November 11 and enabled us, through our various Divisions, to cover 1,500 cards that day for total contributions of almost \$258,000.

The canvassing prior to Super Sunday and the six weeks immediately following effectively

broke the back of the Campaign. By the end of December, we had reached \$2,275,000. Unfortunately, the last part of December and the months of January and February are difficult for fund-raising because so many people are away. Unless these people are seen before they leave, months pass by before you can see them for U.J.A. By then, the momentum has been lost. For that reason, it is vital that we move up the entire Campaign into early fall, so that it can be closed off by December 31.

Education is an essential part of the U.J.A. fund-raising drive. The needs of our agencies and institutions here and abroad must continually be explained to our donors. To do that, we make extensive use of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin.

The concluding event on the annual U.J.A. calendar is the Walkathon. This year it takes place on Sunday, June 2. Judging from last year's results, I am optimistic that our final figure for the Walkathon, Jog-a-thon and Bike-a-thon this year will reach \$60,000. A number of activities are being planned and to conclude the events of the Day, the Jewish Community Campus will officially open the new swimming pool at 881 Broadview Avenue.

With the results to date, the Walkathon, the Endowment and Bequest allocations, Pembroke and the remaining outstanding cards, I anticipate that the 1985 Campaign should reach \$2,900,000. All signs point to our achieving this figure.

At the end of June, I will have an opportunity to express my appreciation to all the volunteer workers at a Kovod reception arranged in their honour. In the meantime, I wish to express my gratitude to all of the people with whom I have been privileged to work and to all the donors of United Jewish Appeal for making our community a model for others to follow.

U.J.A. Women's Division

Linda Nadolny-Cogan
Cally Cardash Co-Chairmen



Women's Division has existed for over 11 years and has changed with the times. Time was when women's activities focused on lady-luck teas and token involvement in terms of programs and money. Today, our volunteers are involved in ways that are relevant to our changing times. Our women have become visible in leadership positions in our community. Women's Division raises more than 10% of the funds collected by U.J.A. We help make the community in general and ourselves in particular, sensitive and aware to the issues and needs that affect our community.

It was with great enthusiasm and a sense of commitment that we accepted the challenge of chairing the Women's Division of the 1985 United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa.

The U.J.A. Mission to Israel and Rome, on behalf of the 1985 Campaign, demonstrated to all of us the needs and importance of our continued support to our homeland.

Over 75% of our volunteers attended "Non-Trivial Pursuits", an innovative Canvasser Training Session. The Vaad and Israel were represented by six capable speakers, each of whom briefly tried to convey their needs for our U.J.A. dollars. It was clearly demonstrated that the key to a successful campaign is education and awareness.

Sonia Kizell's gracious hospitality was extended to our Top Donors for brunch on October 28. We were privileged to have Shula Cohen, a "Heroine of Israel", share her life story with us.

Once again, our Top Donors proudly set the pace for our 1985 Campaign.

Holocaust Survivor and Hollywood actor Robert Clary, our guest speaker for our Opening Women's Division Luncheon, poignantly reminded us of the darkest hour of our Jewish History. Over 300 women lent their support to this function and generously made their commitments to the Campaign.

The impact of Robert Clary's talk to the Public High Schools and our Jewish Community cannot be underestimated, especially this year, the 40th anniversary of the Liberation and with our own Jewish community hosting The Canadian Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Their Children.

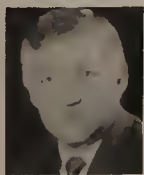
No volunteer organization can exist and succeed as successfully as ours has without the continuing efforts of our dedicated workers. Each member of our Cabinet has put her individual talents to work and added her own special touch to ensure the success of our Campaign. Our sincerest thanks to all of you.

It was our privilege to work with the late Hy Hochberg, an extraordinary man whose special talents enhanced our personal experience and success of the Campaign.

It is with a great deal of enthusiasm that we offer our support to our incoming chairmen, Sheila Hartman and Myra Presser. We look forward to being involved members of their new team.

Planning, Priorities and Budgeting

Sol B. Shinder, Chairman



The Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee is mandated with the overall responsibility of the Integrated, Planning, Budget and Allocations System which was developed a number of years ago.

Last fall the Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee set guidelines for the 1985-86 budgeting cycle. Essentially they called for base budgets of 92.5% of the 1984-85 allocation. Agencies could also submit supplementary requests for program packages of \$5,000. each. These guidelines were related to the Panels on Jewish Education and Individual and Group Services.

The modified budgeting system has assisted agencies in trimming their budgets and clearly defining their basic program priorities. At the same time, the system gives the Council the opportunity to have input into the program planning and priority setting of each agency based on the Vaad's broader community perspective. At this writing, the two Panels have completed their

review of agency requirements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985 and have passed on their recommendations to the central committee. From there, the consolidated recommendation will go to the Executive and Board of Trustees for approval.

As a matter of interest, it should be noted that in the fiscal year July 1, 1984 to June 30, 1985 just over \$2.4 million was available for distribution to beneficiaries. Of this amount 49.5% was allocated to United Israel Appeal; 7% for National Agencies in Canada; and 43.5% for local community services and debt retirement. Of the local share, Jewish education received 41.1%, cultural and recreational agencies 41% and communal and social services 17.9%. The final campaign figure for 1985 is not available.

I wish to thank members of the Planning and Budgeting Panels for their diligent application to the responsibilities with which they were entrusted.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Simone Goldberg, Chairman



The 37th Anniversary of Israel's Independence was celebrated on Thursday, April 25, 1985.

The event was designed to involve children and included a poster competition arranged by the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation which brought in over 100 entries; the Hillel Choir of 60-plus children; a 10-member dance troupe choreographed by Merle Adam; and a play with a cast of 14, directed by Jonathan Isserlin with visuals by Natalie Stern.

The evening began with a family dinner in the Assembly and Social Halls after which everyone gathered in the Beth Shalom Sanctuary for the programme. It was a great success and many thanks are due to the children who performed so beautifully.

The volunteers who worked so tirelessly are also responsible for the celebration and I offer sincere thanks to: Joan Kronick and Naomi Crowcower who organized the procession; Benita Blustein, Toby Nathanson and Gloria Hanif of the C.I.C.F.; Paul and Hannah Sibeth and Mandy Gosewich for the decorations; Marilyn Newman, Hospitality; Ted Jacobson, Publicity; Janet Isserlin, Patrons and Organizations and, of course, the above-named directors of the entertainment. Special thanks also to Claire Horowitz of the J.C.C. Staff who did an outstanding job in every area.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity of chairing Yom Ha'Atzmaut. It was an enormously enjoyable experience.

Holocaust Memorial Committee

Mendel Good, Chairman

It is difficult to put into words the diverse reactions evoked by the Canadian Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Their Children, held in Ottawa this April past. For most of the survivors and their families, it was both physically and emotionally draining. At the same time, it was spiritually uplifting to see so many that not only survived the horrors of the Holocaust, but went on to make a meaningful life for themselves and their children. As was quoted in one of the many speeches given throughout the three days, "Every child (and grandchild) of a survivor is a living testimony to the defeat of Hitler".

The three days of the Gathering began on Sunday with an emotional candle-lighting ceremony on Parliament Hill as part of the Opening Ceremony. Greetings were delivered by the Honourable Michael Wilson on behalf of the Government, John Turner on behalf of the Opposition Party and Ian Deans for the N.D.P. The keynote address was delivered by Elie Wiesel, who was introduced by Judge Rosalie Abella.

In the evening, the Opening Plenary featured Serge and Beate Klarsfeld, the Israeli Ambassador to Canada, Eliahu Ben-Horin, Judge Rosalie Abella, Jan Nowak, Captain George Blackburn and Dr. Harvey Lithwick. This was followed by a reception tendered by the Ottawa Jewish Community.

Monday was filled with over 26 workshops, four forums and numerous films on subjects ranging from Hate Propaganda to Yiddish: The Thread of Life; Second Generation awareness to Christian Reflections on the Holocaust.

The presentation of a delegation of Survivors during the question period in the House of Commons took place in the afternoon.

While delegates participated in the various events at the Congress Centre, a Student Seminar on the Holocaust was taking place at the Jewish Community Centre for youngsters ranging in age from 12 to 17. The plenary sessions, film, speakers and workshops were geared to the different ages of the students. A number of survivors were present to give first-hand ac-

counts of their personal experience. Judging from the reaction of the audience, the Seminar was a great success.

This crowded day was brought to an appropriate finale with a most touching Cultural Evening which ended with spontaneous singing and dancing by the audience. It was a scene to be long remembered.

As inevitably all good things come to an end, so this Gathering closed on Tuesday with rousing sentiments expressed by Louis Rasminsky, Greta Fischer, Shira Bessin, Victor Goldbloom and Irwin Cutler.

The Legacy was read and accepted in four languages: Yiddish, French, Hebrew and English.

At that moment, I felt a great satisfaction and pride in our community, for without their help, this event never could have taken place. Committee plans for the fall season include the ongoing program of Holocaust education in the schools with survivors addressing the students. We would like to see a greater effort being made for student seminars on the Holocaust within our city.

On behalf of all the Survivors and their families, I wish to thank each one of the hundreds of volunteers who gave so willingly and patiently of their time and expertise. Much thanks must go to those who not only opened their homes to perfect strangers but treated them as if they were part of the family.

Our gratitude to the entire staff of the Vaad Ha'Ir is beyond words. Each and every one of them worked for the success of this event far beyond their normal duties for weeks and months.

We extend our most heartfelt gratitude to Edie Koranyi and Zelaine Shinder who worked tirelessly and endlessly for many months to make this Gathering the success it became. Last, but not least, we wish to thank most sincerely, Dr. Harvey Lithwick, the Officers, Executive and Board of Trustees of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council as well as Ron Boro, Executive Director and A.J. Freiman, President of the Jewish Community Centre, as well as their Board of Directors for their very active support.



Jewish Community Foundation

Sol Shinder, President



The Officers and Directors of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation are pleased to report another memorable milestone in the annals of the Foundation. During the past year we passed the \$2,000,000 mark. As of March 31, 1985, the total capital in the Foundation was \$2,072,364 consisting of 199 Funds.

For the year ending December 31, 1984, \$176,000 was allocated to local and Israeli charities. It is anticipated that there will be approximately \$190,000 available for distribution for the year 1985. Since the last Annual Meeting the following Funds were established in the Foundation — Gertrude (Pleet) Kottlarsky Memorial Fund, Morris Molot Memorial Fund, Michael Greenberg Memorial Fund, William Sternberg Memorial Fund, Alfred and Kaya Friedman Endowment Fund, Sol and Zelaine Shinder Endowment Fund, Max and Grete Cohen Endowment Fund, Frank and Sadie Labovitch Endowment Fund, Ruth and Hy Calof Endowment Fund, Merida Sachs Memorial Fund, Sam and Jean Ackerman Endowment Fund, Sylvia Sherman Memorial Fund, Zelda and John Greenberg Endowment Fund, Beatrice and Samuel Greenberg Endowment Fund, Hugo and Ruth Davis Levendel Endowment Fund, Jack and Dora Litwack Memorial Fund, Vera and Sam Schwartz Endowment Fund, Charles and Rae Tavel Memorial Fund, Samuel and Lillian Saslove Endowment Fund, Israel and Eva Kardish Endowment Fund, Betty and Dave Polowin Endowment Fund.

1984 - 1985 was the Bar Mitzvah

Year of the Foundation. To celebrate, a number of functions were held and are planned. A Sabbath Service and a Kiddush sponsored by the Directors was held at Beth Shalom Synagogue last December. Similar services are planned for Machzikei Hadas Synagogue on June 1st, and at Agudath Israel Synagogue in August or September. Also a gathering of the Jewish lawyers and accountants was held to enlist their support and co-operation to promote the aims and objectives of the Foundation.

In the near future, the Foundation plans to renew its appeal to the Community to sign Letters of Intent. A Letter of Intent does not constitute a legal obligation but merely promises that provision for the Foundation will be made in a will. Much of the growth of the Foundation has come from bequests made by members of the Community in their wills. The Directors are suggesting that when you are updating your will discuss with your lawyer a bequest to the Foundation, which will perpetuate your name in the community forever. The bequest can be directed to benefit a favourite charity or it can be left to the discretion of the Directors to benefit agencies in the community that require financial assistance.

For information regarding the establishment of a Fund, call Casey Swedlove at 236-5442, or Laura Greenberg at 232-7306. For a copy of the Annual Report and the Auditor's Statement, call Laura Greenberg, Executive Secretary at the above number.



Jewish Community Cemetery of Ottawa

Hyman Gould, Chairman



The Jewish Community Cemetery of Ottawa, situated on Highway 31 (Bank Street South) is composed of individual sections owned by Congregations Agudath Israel, Beth Shalom and Machzikei Hadas. The ten-acre site has served the community for over seventy-five years. Congregations Temple Israel and Young Israel were apportioned sections in the New Jewish Community Cemetery when it opened in 1976.

Both Cemeteries are well-maintained and compare favourably in appearance with cemeteries anywhere. There are some problems during the winter season but they are all well-handled.

The Holocaust Memorial located on the Jewish Community Cemetery on Bank Street serves as a focal point for the entire communi-

ty at all times and particularly for the annual observance of Yom Hashoah which recently took place.

The Annual Memorial Service held on the cemetery grounds prior to Rosh Hashanah was well-attended. A short and meaningful service was held. The appreciation of the community is extended to the clergy, to Sam Petigorsky, the Gabbai of the Chevra Kadisha and to the men and women of his organization for their devoted efforts throughout the course of the year.

I extend my thanks to the Vaad for making its resources and staff available to the Cemetery Committee as well as appreciation to my colleagues on the Committee who represent Congregations Agudath Israel, Beth Shalom, Machzikei Hadas, Temple Israel and Young Israel.

New Jewish Community Cemetery

Israel Shinder, Chairman



The New Jewish Cemetery continues within the organization that was put in place some nine years ago. There have been very few problems and since most comments from the community are satisfactory, we can only assume that the Jewish population is satisfied with the facility.

Since the balance of the mortgage was retired over a year ago, we are now virtually debt free.

Many thanks again to the members of my committee: Hy Gould, Harry Hecht, Ben Karp, Reuben Kalin and Israel Hoffman, as well as to the Council staff.

B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights

Howard Spunt, Chairman

The League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith is the only organization in Canada dedicated exclusively to preventing anti-Semitism, combating racism, and fostering improved relations with other ethnic and religious groups. On the eve of its fifth anniversary, the Ottawa-Carleton Committee has embarked upon an aggressive programme aimed largely at bringing Nazi war criminals to justice, perpetuating the memory of Raoul Wallenberg, and cooperating with ethnic minorities whose experience has parallels with the Jewish Community.

Last month, Committee Chairman Howard Spunt appeared before the Government Commission on War Criminals in Canada and successfully obtained special standing for B'nai B'rith to bring evidence and question witnesses during public hearings. "We have a special stake in these proceedings", Mr. Spunt told Chief Justice Deschenes. "Many members of B'nai B'rith were themselves victims of Nazi atrocities. Furthermore, we will not rest while our Canadian ideals and ethno-cultural fabric is eroded by elements who would attempt to deny the Holocaust ever occurred". Under the guidance of Professor Michel Shore, a noted author and professor of constitutional law, Committee members Meyer Hertzog and Laurence Tapper will be conducting research to assist David Matas, LHR National Chairman and Counsel to the Deschenes inquiry.

Two years ago, the League was instrumental in persuading the City of Nepean to name a park in honour of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish Diplomat credited with saving thousands of Hungarian Jews from certain death during World War II. Vera Gara is liaison for the Committee with Nepean Parks Department, the Royal Swedish Embassy in Ot-

tawa, and the two public schools which abut the park. She is now organizing a ceremonial assembly wherein a commemorative plaque and bust of Wallenberg will be unveiled.

At the parliamentary level, Nathan Dinovitzer and Allan Markovitz have been lobbying members to sponsor or support a private members' bill conferring honorary Canadian citizenship on Wallenberg. "I am pleased to announce that Guy Ricard (C — Laval) was the first government M.P. to sponsor a bill", said Dinovitzer. "To date, we have 24 endorsements from all parties".

The campaign to honour Wallenberg will require much public support and Rose Shentow will anchor the League sub-committee tasked with logistics and publicity.

The panel discussion "Japanese and Jewish Canadians: Where Was Multiculturalism 40 Years Ago?" was a successful event which attracted well over 350 participants and marked the first time the League Committee received a financial grant from the Federal government. "We learned much about ourselves from studying the history of others", mentioned David Ingre (Immediate Past Chairman) to media in attendance. Apart from the National Association of Japanese Canadians, the League maintains links with the National Capital Alliance on Race Relations and other umbrella human rights groups.

The strength of the Ottawa-Carleton Committee has been the dedication and determination of its members — all Volunteers — drawn from the Lodges and Chapter and from the community at large. Skills in planning, organization, and writing are still being sought. Interested parties may telephone 733-6896 or 830-2631 for further details.

Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review

Dr. Eli Rabin, Chairman
Cynthia Engel, Editor



The Bulletin Committee has made some progress in making the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin into more of a newspaper reporting and discussing the many events which take place within the Ottawa Jewish Community. The obvious limitation of financial resources have made it difficult to produce a full-fledged newspaper, but perhaps some time in the future this may become a realization.

The Bulletin is produced regularly every other week during the ten-month period from September through June, and once each during the summer months of July and August. Its size, dictated by content requirements, can run anywhere from 20 to 32 pages, with a mean average of 20 pages.

In addition to keeping the community apprised of Vaad decisions and activities, it is a vehicle for disseminating information about the community and is used by the various organizations to publicize

events and programs. Local organizations who do not already take advantage of the publication are invited to use the Bulletin in this way.

In an effort to stay abreast of international news of Jewish interest, the Bulletin continues to include excerpts and articles from such sources such as Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, among others.

"Sadinsky in Right" authored by sports buff Ian Sadinsky, is still delighting our readership. This year, we introduced a new column, "Always in Good Taste", the tried and true recipes of Alyce Baker, which has been well-received by community cooks. The Jewish Community Centre regularly uses the Bulletin to inform the community of its programs.

It is hoped that advertising revenue will increase to allow the paper to become more self-supporting.

Jewish Community Campus

Gerald Berger, President



After several years of searching for a facility which would be suitable for development as a Jewish Community Complex, St. Joseph's High School on Broadview Avenue was purchased by the Jewish Community Campus of Ottawa. The community assumed ownership on July 16, 1983 and the building is completing its second full year of operations.

The occupants being Hillel Academy, the Talmud Torah Afternoon School, the Modern Jewish School and the Jewish Community Centre have all been able to operate efficiently and effectively in the new building. The day camp operation of the Jewish Community Centre will be utilizing the facility for the first time this summer.

The operating budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 1985 was developed by the Board of Directors in consultation with the tenant agencies at \$200,000. The formula provides for Hillel Academy to assume 72.5% of the cost; the Jewish Community Centre 15%; the Talmud Torah Afternoon School 7.5%; and the Ottawa Modern Jewish School 5%. Projections are that we will come in well within budget.

Many of the operating problems which surfaced in the initial year were resolved. Thanks are due to the Director of Education of the Talmud Torah Board and his staff for ensuring a smooth operation.

A master site plan approved last year at a cost of \$337,000 was completed over the summer months and was ready for the start of the school year on September 1, 1984. This included the outdoor swimming pool,

an improved parking facility, all purpose hard court, and upgraded softball-soccer field.

Inside the building, renovations were undertaken in order to consolidate the Early Childhood Program of Hillel Academy on the ground floor at a cost of \$60,000. In addition, the Auditorium roof and the roof over the north wing have been replaced.

Over the course of the year the Board has focused its attention on a number of items including the ongoing capital fund-raising campaign; renovating parts of the ground floor to meet the programming needs of the Jewish Community Centre; and proper furnishings for the Chapel.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation was held on January 30, 1985 at which time a new Board of Directors was elected to serve a term to conclude June 30, 1986 in order to coincide with the Annual Meeting of the Vaad. Russell Kronick was elected President.

The acquisition of 881 Broadview Avenue has been a boon which will have far reaching consequences for the future of the Jewish community. I urge everyone who has not yet visited the Campus to do so and see the attractive facility that is being utilized by a wide cross-section of our population.

I close this report with profound appreciation to the many individuals who have given so much of themselves and their talents to bring the dream of a Jewish Community Campus to reality. The community owes them a debt of gratitude which it can never repay.

Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth

Dr. Baruch Diena, Chairman



The Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth is the sole community kashruth-granting agency in the city. As such, it supervises kosher food production and preparation in key institutions and establishments. It disseminates news and information to provide the Jewish community with complete details on the observance of Kashruth and the availability of kosher products and services.

During the year, the Vaad Hakashruth continued to provide kashruth supervision at United Kosher Meat and Deli and two fish markets. At Rideau Bakery, bread and bread products produced at its Bank Street plant were under the Vaad's supervision and were kosher and pareve. In addition challah was taken nightly. Dairy products and orange juice produced by Dominion Dairies were granted certification for Passover use.

The Vaad was also responsible

for ensuring kashruth at the following synagogues: Beth Shalom, Agudath Israel, Young Israel, Beth Shalom West and Machzikei Hadas; as well as Hillel Lodge, the Jewish Community Centre, summer camps, Jack Smith's Kosher Catering, Jack Edelson Catering, and at such important conventions as the Canada-Israel Committee Parliamentary dinner at the Skyline Hotel and the Canadian Gathering of Holocaust Survivors at the Congress Centre.

The Vaad also continued its publicity program of bringing a greater awareness of kashruth to the community through its regular Kosher Corner column in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review.

During the coming year, new requests for kashruth certification are anticipated from a number of establishments and this will require increased resources for the Vaad Hakashruth.

Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges

Professor Eugene Rothman, Academic Director
Professor Maureen Molot, Associate Academic Director

The Foundation was established in Ottawa in 1975 and has as its goal the development of better understanding between Canada and Israel by encouraging academic exchange between universities in both countries. Thus the Foundation provides major human and intellectual resources to the Jewish community and to the community-at-large. The Foundation fosters exchange in the critical areas of the humanities and social sciences, with particular emphasis on history, political science and international affairs.

The Foundation is an independent national organization with charitable status. Its governing body is a Board of Governors with approximately fifty members representing all of Canada's major Jewish communities. Governors are invited to sit on the Board after informal consultation with community leadership. The Board meets twice a year. Governors from Ottawa are David Golden, John Greenberg, Sonia Kizell and Stephen Victor.

The ongoing activities of the Foundation are monitored by an Executive Committee consisting of the Foundation's officers and executive members. These are: Hillel Becker, Montreal — President; David Golden, Ottawa — Past President; Norma Cummings, Montreal — Vice-President; Eph Diamond, Toronto — Treasurer; Harold Buchwald, Winnipeg — Executive Member; and Myer Bick, Montreal — Executive Member.

The professional staff of the Foundation are all part-time. They are: Eugene Rothman, Academic Director; Maureen A. Molot, Associate Academic Director; Lil Levitin, Program Co-ordinator; Rosa Stone, Secretary; and Amira Margalit, Israel Liaison.

The core of the Foundation programme is the appointment, each year, of an Israeli professor to a major Canadian university as a full-time member of the university community. The appointment is supported by the university on a matching funds basis.

The scholars who have participated in the programme have come from all of Israel's major institutions with humanities and social science programmes: Hebrew University; Tel Aviv University; Haifa University; Bar Ilan University; and Ben Gurion University. They have been appointed to positions at eleven major universities across Canada with usually eight universities participating in a given year.

During the past year, Canada-Israel Visiting Professors have taught and carried out research at the following universities: Concordia University; Université de Montréal; Carleton; University of Toronto; University of Calgary; University of British Columbia; and York University. Next year we expect to have a special appointment in the Halifax area, University of Alberta, Laval University and University of Toronto.

This year's scholar in Ottawa has been Professor Gabriel Weimann, of the Department of Sociology at Haifa University and a leading authority on mass communications in Israel. Professor Weimann taught mass communications in Carleton's School of Journalism as well as a course on methodology in the Department of Sociology. In addition, he gave a series of lectures to students in every class in the Mass Communications Programme at the School. Professor Weimann had contact, therefore, with approximately 500 students at Carleton on an ongoing basis. Professor Weimann has also begun two major research projects, one on television in the School of Journalism, and the other, the impact of the Zundel Trial on anti-semitism in Canada, with a colleague in the Department of Political Science.

In addition to his teaching, Professor Weimann was extremely active as a guest lecturer and general resource. He appeared regularly at student, community and national events. He gave briefings to the media, was interviewed regularly on Canada A.M. and was a major contributor to the Journal on C.B.C. and he travelled regularly to Canada's major university and urban centres.

Next year's visiting professor will be Professor Emanuel Gutmann of the Hebrew University's Department of Political Science. Professor Gutmann, is one of Israel's best known specialists in the field of Israeli and comparative politics. He will teach in the Department of Political Science and the School of International Affairs. In addition, there may be a second scholar in economics under the auspices of the program.

Scholars from Carleton continue to travel to Israel under the auspices of the exchange programme. Next year three scholars have made plans to work in Israel with our assistance. Other scholars from Carleton, while not funded by the Foundation, have travelled to Israel through ad hoc arrangements which we have made.

Jewish Community Centre

A.J. Freiman, President



This year we have offered a number of new adult programs geared to specialized needs. Singles programming has expanded, with a variety of ongoing activities and special events such as the Inter-City Singles Weekend, geared to reaching this sector of our community. Our Mama Loshen Chevre sponsored a number of very successful Yiddish Culture programs. Other adult programs have catered to interests as varied as computers and square dancing.

In the junior area, pre-school and after-school programming continued to be strong, while a new program, Sunday Surprise, provided a social and recreational outlet for the older child.

Our teens, through NCCJY and BBYO were offered a variety of social, physical and cultural programs. A highlight of this year was the BBYO Lake Ontario Regional Fall Convention which Ottawa BBYO hosted. Teen Connection, a recent program for grades 7-8, had a very successful year also.

Our Physical Education Department offered a variety of sports and physical activities for all age levels. Response was particularly high to our ski program which doubled and to the aerobic fitness classes. This department was also responsible for Physical Education instruction at Hillel Academy and is gratified to report that Hillel students participated in Inter-Scholastic Basketball and Track.

Our summer camp department is headed towards its most successful year ever. Taking advantage of our new pool and facilities at 881 Broadview, we are offering a greatly expanded program this year. Participation in our very successful Sports Camp has doubled and response is positive to our new specialty camps, Theatre Arts, Racquets and Adventure Camp.

Some major programs the Jewish Community Centre presented to the entire community this year were Arts Alive, featuring Mordecai Richler, Susan Weidman-Schneider and Giora Feldman, and Yom Ha'Atzmaut which generated great community spirit and involvement.

The Jewish Community Centre is looking forward to continued growth and participation as it changes to meet the changing needs and challenges of the community it serves.



Association for Enrichment of Jewish Heritage

Dr. Joseph Caytak, Chairman
Rabbi David Hayes, Camp and Afternoon School Director

The Association for Enrichment of Jewish Culture has been servicing the community since 1977. It offers a summer day camp, Gan Israel, Gan Israel Afternoon School, the Jewish Radio Program and a variety of religious, cultural programs geared for high school and university students.

Gan Israel Summer Camp services many children each summer, this year located in the Graham Park Center in Nepean. Gan Israel combines a vigorous recreation program with many exciting trips. All of this is supplemented with a beautiful Jewish experience for all the campers of songs, stories, etc. One of the highlights of the summer is the camp banquet where the parents, campers and counsellors share an evening of camp spirit together.

Under the directorship of Rabbi David Hayes, the Association offers an Afternoon School in Nepean in the Graham Park Center in Nepean.

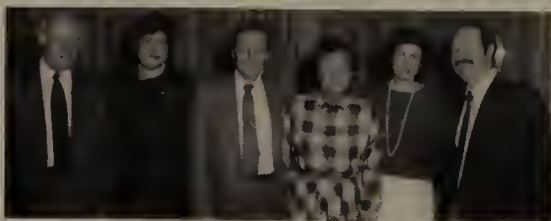
The program meets twice a week with classes for grades Kindergarten through Grade 7. Registration is now being accepted for the 1985-86 school year. The program offers a full Judaic program with courses on Hebrew language, Torah, Israel, as well as classical Hebrew text.

Each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. on Radio Station CKCU-FM 93.1 Ottawa's Jewish community is treated to a wide selection of Jewish music, stories, and information of interest for our community. Hosted by Rabbi Mordecai Berger, the "Sunday Simcha" has brought Jewish culture to thousands of households in Ottawa.

The Outreach program during this past year has included a variety of cultural programs for youth of our city from Shabbaton to t'fillin, visitation in the high schools. The goal of this program is to expose Yiddishkeit to as many students as possible.



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Canadian Associates, Ben-Gurion University

Dr. Erwin Koranyi, President

The Ottawa Branch of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev continued to play an important role in the life of the Ottawa community.

Together with the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation, the Department of Religion of Carleton University and the National Museum of Man, the Branch sponsored a most successful public lecture at the Museum. Prof. Eliezer Oren, Chairman of BGU's Department of Archaeology, gave a fascinating illustrated talk entitled "Sinai: Timeless Link between the Lands of Israel and Egypt", followed by a video *A City Lost in the Sand*. In his lecture, Dr. Oren explored the hitherto-unknown extensive cultural, commercial and political relations between Egypt and Palestine. He also intimated that the probable route of the Jewish exodus from Egypt must be sought along the northern road known in the Bible as the Way of the Kings. Participating in the program were Dr. George MacDonald, Director of the National Museum of Man; Prof. Eugene Rothman of Carleton University; Susannah Dalfen, Branch membership chairman; and

Benita Blustein of the CIGF. The lecture was followed by a reception hosted by the Museum. Major responsibility for arranging this event, attended by some 200 persons, was undertaken by Edie Koranyi and Susannah Dalfen.

The Louis Rasminsky Fund for Social and Cultural Integration at Ben-Gurion University, established in 1983 to honour this distinguished public servant and communal leader, enabled the university to commence a variety of activities from the first year's income on the current nearly \$150,000 capital. Initial reactions indicate that substantial achievements in social and cultural integration will ultimately result from the work financed by the Rasminsky Fund.

In response to the dire fiscal needs of the University, plans are now being formulated for another major public activity which, it is hoped, will result in additional assistance to the University and an enlarged Ottawa share in the advancement of the Negev. In the meantime, enrolment of membership continues to increase the strength of the Branch.

Hillel Lodge — Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged

Sylvia Goldblatt, President



This has been an eventful year for the Lodge. As we approach our Annual Meeting, the Board is preoccupied with replacements for two major staff positions: Director, and Recreationist. They should be filled by June 1st.

A great deal of excitement and optimism has been generated by Operation Facelift. This is a plan to update the physical plant at Hillel Lodge. It is financed through a fundraising campaign headed by Herb Nadolny, Steve Victor, Avraham Iny, Norman Zagerman and Bill Grossman. The mastermind planning strategy in the backroom is Evelyn Greenberg with a little inspiration from Sylvia Goldblatt. The campaign is covering a five year commitment. It will take place over a three month period — May to July 1985 — and will raise five hundred thousand dollars. The province of Ontario will cost share some of the expenditures.

The interior decorating job has a team working on the difficult task of choosing materials that meet standards for safety (fire-proof) and that will stand up to the rigors of daily laundering. This team is led by Anice Kronick and sustained by Gert Goldstein and Goldie Cantor. Priority was given to the second floor of our three storey building in order to make that area more attractive for the frail elderly and their families and friends. This area has received new floor covering, wall paper, paint and drapes. New lamps, furniture and pictures are still to come. In order to provide an outdoor sitting area and dining facilities on the second floor, extensions will be added to the front and back of the building.

Work has begun to air condition the entire building before the hot weather sets in. On the main floor, major renovations have been completed to the two bathrooms to make them totally accessible to residents in a wheelchair. Sid Litwack heads up this effort.

The National Council of Jewish Women Ottawa Section, has conducted a raffle to raise money to decorate a music room in the name of Merida Sachs. The Women's Auxiliary of Hillel Lodge, under the capable Presidency of Mrs. Thelma Steinman, continues to carry on their impressive contribution to the well-being of the residents. The funds they raise at the fall and spring teas, the raffle for an afghan, knitted by Mrs. Krieger, their work on membership renewals and their cooperation in strengthening the ranks of volunteers at the Lodge goes a long way towards making Hillel a good place to live.

The nursing staff headed by Mrs. Mina Max, delivers a high quality of care and the fine meals provided by the kitchen staff, under the strong leadership of Carl Rothman add to Hillel's reputation. When the Lodge has available space, it is offered to

people seeking temporary accommodation and care during a convalescent period. This has become a much appreciated service for those coming out of hospital, particularly when a kosher environment and immediate access to a Shule is important to them.

The Hillel Lodge Annual Report for 1984 — 1985 would not be complete without a special vote of thanks to Mrs. Evelyn Greenberg, whose talent as a fine pianist has been shared so generously with the residents at the Lodge and their neighbours in the community. Not only does she contribute her musicianship, but she has arranged for her musical colleagues to perform as well, to the enormous pleasure of their enthusiastic audiences. A concert of Jewish music for the entire family will take place at the Jewish Community Centre at 2:00 p.m., Sunday afternoon June 23rd, 1985. The money raised by the sale of tickets, will be used for Operation Facelift. All the choirs from the different synagogues will be singing: "The Music of Our Life". A reception will follow at Hillel Lodge.

This past year has seen the reintroduction of regular weekly visits from the Rabbis in Ottawa. On the 13th of May, a beautiful luncheon was prepared in Hillel's kitchen by Mrs. Gert Goldstein and her helpers. They entertained the 150 members of the Jewish Community Centre Golden Age Club with good food and good music.

Bill Grossman, with assistance from Max Stemthal, continued fundraising efforts to clear off Hillel's past deficit. The province of Ontario came through with a \$101,000.00 grant to offset the 1984 — 1985 (March 31, 1985) deficit. This type of assistance is available to Homes for the Aged out of recognition for the high cost of health care delivered to the frail elderly who are accommodated in Homes for the Aged rather than in more expensive institutions such as active core hospitals.

A new resource was added to the staff of Hillel Lodge this year. Mrs. Benita Blustein, M.S.W., is available one day a week to residents and their families for social work services. She will be extending her time to two days a week, starting in June. Assisting her in a volunteer capacity is Mrs. Jo Stern, who is also a professional social worker.

The combination of physical improvements, staff enrichment and increased volunteer activity is giving Hillel Lodge greater positive visibility in the community. This is reflected in the interest shown through an increase in inquiries about residency and an increase in the number of new residents.

A special vote of thanks to the hard working Board of Directors and Executive Members who have provided enthusiastic support to the president throughout the year.

Habonim Dror Camp Gesher

Nehemia Dishon, Shaliach



Habonim Dror has, during the past year, played quite a positive role in the lives of the Jewish youth in Ottawa. We are very encouraged to see that this year the number of active members has almost doubled.

We see as the peak of our program the 6 1/2 week session of Camp Gesher, where about 80 youngsters from Ottawa, as well as many others from Montreal and Toronto, participate in Israel-oriented programs. Our cultural programs include Israeli songs and dancing and a kibbutz-like way of celebrating Holidays, plus the usual activities such as swimming, canoeing and scouting. We also provide our "chanichim" (campers) with educational programs with emphasis on Israeli society, Jewish Heritage and the close connection between Israel and the Jewish people.

We are able to provide all the above activities because of our counsellors who demonstrate their commitment to Zionist ideals and their strong willingness to transfer their knowledge, feelings and experience to the programs youth.

Once again, we were strengthened in our belief that our movement's summer program in Israel is not only a program to "Tour and know Israel better" but is a source of future leadership for the movement and the community. Their enthusiasm was transferred to others and kept the famous spirit of Habonim Dror and Gesher as high as ever.

During the year we provided for our groups in Ottawa, in conjunction with Montreal and Toronto, seminars dealing with Zionist and Socialist ideals. For the first time, and what will hopefully be annually, we had a special seminar for the senior members and Madrichim (Counsellors), with their associates in other movements, on Israel and Zionism. This enabled an opportunity for each group to meet and learn from their sister groups. We had some extraordinary holiday celebrations while continuing the search for new ways of presenting our ideals to the kids. Some of our Bogrim (Movement Grads) have gone, and others will go, this summer on long term programs in Israel, i.e. various Upan and University programs.

As part of our educational path, this year we are sending four members on a one-year "Workshop" program to Israel. These members, upon returning, will be expected to be central figures in leading the movement. This year a new segment was added to the "Workshop" which includes a 3 month University semester. We are also sending eight others on the S.H.K. summer program, a program that proved itself to be the best contribution to the continuation of the movement in the city.

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The Jewish Social Services Agency of Ottawa-Carleton

Marvin Schwartz, Board Chairman

In January 1985, the Jewish Social Services Agency began its sixth year of serving the community. The Agency has continued to strengthen the programs which it has provided in the past. The counselling services offered by the three MSW's on staff are increasingly well-utilized.

The JSSA has recently introduced a Fee-for-Service Policy. At the client's initial interview, his ability to pay is assessed by the Intake Worker. As a result, the United Way subsidizes only those unable to pay. Every initiative is being made to acquire a Purchase of Service Agreement for Counselling Services, so that the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton will assume the expense of counselling provided to those who cannot pay the entire cost.

Programs offered by the JSSA to Seniors have continued to expand. Meals-on-Wheels will become available in May three times per week, thanks to the dedication of the Agency's volunteers to this invaluable program which is produced in co-operation with Hillel Lodge, and sponsored in part by the National Council of Jewish Women. The JSSA continues to provide other Home Services, such as Tefeshalom, Friendly Visiting, Shopping, Wheels-to-Meals, the Yiddish Mobile Library, Adults for Lively Leisure, and the 50+ Plus Drop-In Centre.

The JSSA was pleased in the past year to contribute to the Va'ad Ha'Ir's Committee on Aging. This committee was instrumental in compiling a list of Ottawa's Seniors, which should facilitate planning to meet future needs. The Agency also contributed significantly to the development of a Directory of Services for Older Adults in the Ottawa Jewish Community, which has received wide distribution.

Immigrant Resettlement is a service rendered by the JSSA as well. New links have been forged with sister Agencies doing settlement in the city, such as the Ottawa Carleton Immigrant Services Organization and the Catholic Immigrant Services. These have met regularly with the local office of CEIC and the duplication of service

has been eliminated and a better understanding of roles has been achieved.

In the past year the Agency has begun to explore new directions as well. In consultation with Hillel Academy, the JSSA is making counselling available to families of students. Close co-operation between the school, the Agency and a whole host of network services should reinforce the idea that community resources working together can greatly benefit those in need.

The Agency has provided a unique service this year, that of co-ordinating counselling services for the delegates to the Canadian Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and their children. It is with great appreciation that we acknowledge the many professionals who volunteered their time and skill to this undertaking.

Equally important is that this year marked the first Tri-Family Services Annual Meeting, which was held at 151, on March 21, 1985, with a multitude of guests, including representatives from funding bodies from as far away as Toronto.

No annual report would be complete without mention of the corps of volunteers who support the efforts of the Agency's Board and Staff. Without Voluntary Service Organizations, such as the Massada Chapter of Hadassah, which prepares the Golden Age Luncheon, and the National Council of Jewish Women who, in addition to their Meals-on-Wheels assistance, serve the mini-Bingo Lunches, and B'Nai B'rith's Parliament and Ottawa Lodges who provide funds and transportation for Seniors, the quality of the JSSA programs would suffer. Additionally, without the countless individual volunteers who serve on the Board, make the telephone reassurance calls, deliver the meals, drive the bus, visit the seniors, the lives of many clients would be less rich.

The JSSA continues to be grateful to its funding bodies; the United Way of Ottawa-Carleton, The Jewish Community Council, Federal, Provincial and Municipal Grants, and Individual Bequests of Foundation Funds. To one and all, sincere thanks.



Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan

William Grossman, President
Charlotte Slack, Executive Secretary

We are now in our 52nd year of operation. To-date we have granted 2586 loans. The Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan Association has been of particular benefit to many recent Russian arrivals who came to Canada with very little worldly goods.

Money is loaned in sums up to \$1,000.00 to applicants without charge of interest or expense of any kind.

The officers of our organization at present are:

Honorary President: Solomon Zelikovitz

Immediate Past President: Thomas Sachs

President: William Grossman

Vice Presidents: Hyman Gould, Joseph Zelikovitz, Reuben Kalin.

Treasurer: Charles Wiseman

Executive Secretary: Charlotte Slack

Honorary Solicitor: Kenneth Radnoff, Q.C.

Honorary Accountant: I. L. Landau, C.A.

Executive Committee: David

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Directors: Benes Cantor, Mildred Drazin, Sonia Kizell, Mrs. Leon Petegorsky, Herman Roodman, Hy Roodman, Carl Rosen, Rabbi Mordecai Y. Berger, Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka, Rabbi Arnold Fine, Rabbi Dr. Basil F. Herring, Rabbi Sanford T. Marcus.

Israel Branches Co-Chairmen: Solomon Zelikovitz, William Grossman.

Vice Chairmen: Isaac Levine, Mischa Zbar.

Israel Secretary: Esta Friedman.

Our branches in Israel are very active and continue to render valuable service to hundreds of needy Israelis especially since the influx of Russian Jewry. The personnel in charge are extending valuable service to our organization.

We wish to point out that Wills and Bequests have been of valuable assistance to us, helping to increase our aid to those in need. So, please, remember the Hebrew Free Loan Association in your will.

Ottawa Torah Institute

Rabbi David Tropper,
Rabbi Yisroel Morgenstern,
Deans



The Ottawa Torah Institute High School, this city's only full-day Jewish high school for boys, is now entering its fourth year of operation.

The yeshiva's goal continued to be the provision of a comprehensive post-elementary Jewish education for its students coupled with the secular high school courses accredited by the Ontario Ministry of Education, at the Grade 9 to 11 levels.

In the Jewish studies department, courses were offered in Talmud, Chumash, Prophets, Ethics, Law, Hebrew language and literature. The general studies program encompassed mathematics, physics, biology, French, English, computer science, geography and economics (Grade 11 only).

The teaching faculty is recognized for its superior qualifications. It consists of two rabbinic deans — Rabbi Yisroel Morgenstern and Rabbi David Tropper — plus five accredited teachers, permitting individualized attention in small class-size settings. A physical education program is mandatory.

Important milestones were marked during the past year. Rabbi Tropper assumed his new duties as co-dean following an extensive career as a professional educator in the Jewish day school system in the United States; the school moved to new quarters in the Jewish Community Centre on Chapel Street and acquired a science lab plus a full indoor gym facility; dormitory facilities were established for the first time for five students under the personal supervision of Rabbi and Rebbitzin Tropper; and a new ex-

ecutive under President Aaron J. Sarna was installed by the Yeshiva's 20 board members.

An extraordinary variety of extra-curricular and community outreach programs was also undertaken. Some 40 students per week from the community-at-large took advantage of such popular classes as Mishna (Sunday mornings for boys in Grades 5 and 6); Talmud Tractate Kiddushin (Sunday afternoons for adults); the Book of Jonah (Monday nights for women); and Talmud for Ottawa youngsters in Grades 7 to 9 (Wednesday nights).

In addition, community-oriented fund raising projects proved popular. Particular mention is made of the highly-acclaimed Yom Yerushalayim Cantorial Concert sponsored by the school; the beautiful Purim celebration and play at the yeshiva; and the distribution of superior Hebrew-English Torah classics under the Art Scroll imprimatur. A Women's Branch also was organized.

Increasing interest by parents in providing their teenage sons with a top-notch Jewish education without having to move from Ottawa, as evinced by the yeshiva's Open House for parents and favourable comments from community day school executives, is expected to lead to larger student enrollment in the coming year. Further growth is anticipated over the medium-term as Ottawa communal leaders and parents alike accept the ineluctable premise that a yeshiva high school education is as basic to Jewish pride and identity as a day school education.





From left to right: Dr. Walter Hendelman, Chairman, Social Action Temple Israel and Co-Chairman Soviet Jewry Committee of Ottawa; Ariel Delouya, Assistant to David Kilgour; Masha Reitman; David Kilgour, M.P.; Chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Committee for Soviet Jewry; Dr. Mark Reitman; Mrs. Teena Hendelman; Dr. Mark Khesin.

Soviet Jewry Committee

**Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka,
Dr. Walter Hendelman,
Co-Chairmen**

The leadership of this committee changed in August, 1984. The goals for this year included educating the community about the current situation of Russian Jews and building an active committee of dedicated people. In addition, links were renewed with the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry during their meeting in Ottawa in November, 1984.

•Education: Various articles have been written for the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and the student newspaper concerning the current plight of Soviet Jewry. Alexandra Finkleshteyn, a refusenik for 13 years, spoke to the community (in November, 1984) about the importance of support groups in the Western world. Jeanette Goldman, the chairman of the Ontario Region, spoke to the community in Feb., 1985 (co-sponsored with the National Council of Jewish Women).

•Three demonstrations have been held this year in front of the Soviet embassy. The annual Simchat Torah rally took place in conjunction with the rallies in Toronto and Montreal. On December 10 the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Human Rights, there was another demonstration and the delivery of a petition. The third protest was organized by the Jewish students. (March 26, 1985). These events were covered in the local media.

•The fifth annual Soviet Jewry Shabbat was hosted this year by Temple Israel. Many people of Soviet origin participated in the ser-

vice. The congregation was addressed by David Kilgour, member of Parliament, who is the new chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Committee for Soviet Jewry. The significance of this year's service was enhanced by the presence of Dr. Mark Reitman and his daughter, the "refusenik" family which Temple Israel had adopted and who had just been granted exit visas from the USSR.

•There is now a committee for Soviet Jewry with its membership including representatives from congregations, other Jewish organizations, and schools. The committee has met several times and in addition to planning and participating, each person is attempting to educate and recruit other individuals from the various groups.

•Other activities: There were several Bar/Bat Mitzvah twinnings this year in the various synagogues. Beth Shalom sent many greeting cards to refuseniks at Pesach time. Temple Israel's adopted refusenik family (the Reitmans) were granted an exit visa in February, 1985.

The Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry met in Ottawa on May 7 and 8 in conjunction with the opening of the Expert's Meeting on Human Rights (a follow-up of the Helsinki Accord). Additional demonstrations are planned to coincide with this meeting.

On behalf of the committee and the community, the chairmen thank Lillian Laks and staff for their assistance in handling the affairs of the Committee.

Carleton University's Jewish Studies Programme

Professor Eugene Rothman, Co-ordinator

Carleton's Jewish Studies programme has now been in existence since the 1972-73 academic year. It began with one faculty member and three courses and since then has expanded to three faculty members out of a total of nine, teaching courses in the field of biblical studies, early and modern Jewish studies.

This year, the 1984-85 academic year, four one-semester and one full year course were taught in the area of modern Jewish studies. Among them were the Introduction to Judaism and the Jewish People; Jews in the Modern Age; Graduate Seminar in Modern Jewish History; and The Modern Middle East, 1978 to the present.

Our enrolment continued to be very high. The course on the modern Middle East attracted approximately 60 students, the two sections of the introductory course had a total of approximately 45 students, and the course on Modern Jewish history nearly 30 students.

It should be noted that two of the courses, for credit and non-credit students, with a total of over fifty enrolled were offered off-campus at the Jewish Community Centre so the members of the Jewish community as well as Carleton students might benefit.

One of the more important developments of the year was the completion of the 14-part television series, "The Modern Middle East", co-produced by Carleton University, TV Ontario, Global Television, Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation, with the assistance of the Governments of Israel, Jordan,

Egypt and Turkey. The series was aired on TV Ontario and will soon be shown on Global Television. This will be the core of tele-course dealing with the modern Middle East that will be shown throughout the Ottawa region on Television Cable 15 and administered by Carleton University.

A second important development was the initiation of discussions with one of Israel's universities for the establishment of a Carleton Program in Israel. This would involve, at first, a summer program in Israel that would offer an intensive Hebrew language course as well as a course on Jewish history for credit at Carleton. It is hoped that eventually Carleton will have a one-year program in Israel. The program has been approved by the Department and the Registrar's Office and we expect that it will be in place by the end of the coming academic year.

Student/faculty research is continuing. Jewish studies continues to be a major area of interest in the Department of Religion.

With respect to the future, we are making every effort to consolidate and expand our programme at a time of shrinking resources. The Jewish Studies curriculum continues to be expanded. We are striving to create a coalition within Ottawa in the area of Jewish Studies so that we can seek new sources of funds for more and better programmes of Jewish Studies. Last, we are expanding our national and international links so that students in Jewish Studies at Carleton can benefit from resources beyond Carleton and Ottawa.

Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University

Freda Paltiel, Ottawa Chairman



On May 13, 1984, there was a very successful testimonial dinner honouring Dr. Lyon Pearlman at which an Adolescent Health Endowment Fund was inaugurated in his name at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Freda Paltiel, president of the Ottawa Chapter, attended the 1984 session of the International Board of Governors of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, as a member of the Canadian delegation.

In November of 1984, Tara Morris, Academic Affairs Co-ordinator of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew

University, National Office, Toronto, spoke to students at both Carleton University and the University of Ottawa. She also spoke to high school students at Fisher Park, Nepean, Hillcrest, Woodroffe, and Sir Robert Borden. She acquainted them with the One Year Program for overseas students at the Hebrew University, which is now celebrating its sixtieth anniversary. The credits received in this program are recognized by Canadian universities. Each year approximately 200 Canadian students attend the overseas program, of which a number of Ottawa students have been participants.

Come over. Say shalom.



Israel Government
Tourist Office.



Ottawa Jewish Historical Society

Hugo Levendel, President

The holdings of the community archives were significantly increased as a result of a Federal government summer employment grant.

The grant, in the amount of \$8,336.00 provided wages for four full-time summer students. The project enabled the processing of 152 feet of community records stored over the past 30 years to be reduced to 22 feet of archival records. About 90% of the material originally slated for processing was completed. The students were trained and supervised by archivist Shirley Berman who volunteered her time to the project. A revised inventory of community holdings is being prepared.

Significant acquisitions in the past year include 24 typedrawn portraits of famous international personalities created by Marcia Caplan between 1942 and 1965, and their correspondence; an early Agudath Achim Cemetery Record Book; the Minute Book of the Ottawa Hebrew Sick Benefit Society, 1947-1951,

recorded in Yiddish, by member Max Kaplan; the manuscripts, poems, short stories and letters of writer Rose Breakstone Carlofsky, donated by our late member Freda Carlofsky. The society gratefully acknowledges the many other acquisitions, including photographs and manuscripts made by the community.

The society is pleased to have had the opportunity to participate in the Canadian Gathering of Holocaust Survivors and Their Children. "In Tribute To Scandinavia" a photographic exhibit depicting the rescue of Scandinavian Jews during the Holocaust was created by the society upon a suggestion by Abbo Kent and exhibited at the gathering.

We would like to extend an invitation to all community organizations to preserve their papers with the community archives, and to members of the community to become members of the society.

Pioneer Women Na'Amat

Leslie Shinder, President



Pioneer Women Na'Amat of Ottawa ended the year on June 12, 1984 with installation of a new executive at the Annual Donor Dinner. I am pleased to say that this new slate of officers, of which I am President, has led the organization through a very successful year.

Our 35th edition of the Ottawa Jewish Reference and Telephone Directory under the capable chairmanship of Mrs. Freda (Fritzle) Frankel, is better than ever. Yours should have arrived by the time you read this article. My thanks go out to all who helped make this invaluable book such a success.

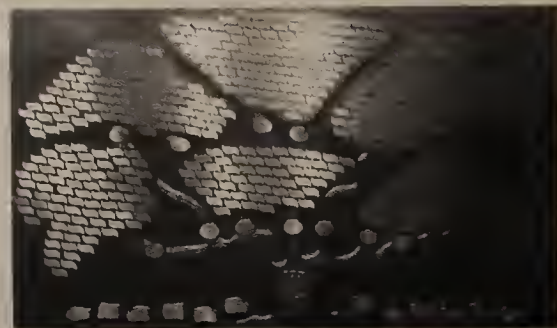
The holidays were upon us before we turned around and then we were on our way to Arts Alive. Our presence there showed our commitment to community programs and to Israel.

Chanukah brought fun and laughter with a festive evening of songs and gifts. Our thanks to Shirley and Ann Steinberg of the Israels Singers for helping to make our party more enjoyable.

Through the winter months our groups met regularly, enjoying a host of speakers and planning future functions. Purim saw us in a singsong with Elliot Kimmel and 'fressing' on traditional humantashen. March brought us to the Histadrut Campaign. Under the leadership of Mrs. Debi Krebs, our members again helped the Histadrut League have a financially successful year.

As I write this report, plans are well under way for our Second Annual Book and Bake Sale to be held May 30 at Carlingwood Mall.

June 4, 1985 will see my first year in office draw to a close at our Annual Donor Dinner. It gives us great pleasure to be honouring one of the founding members of Golda Meir Chapter, our first group. She is Mrs. Sylvia Shinder. As well as this very deserving honouree, we are excited to have as our guest speaker, Mrs. Haviva Avigal from Na'Amat Israel.



B'nai B'rith Parliament Lodge No. 2159

Moishe Smith, President

As we embark on a new year, Parliament Lodge can look back with pride on our accomplishments for our own Jewish community and benefits for all around us.

B'nai B'rith unites Jewish men of all ages to provide an attitude of the mind and heart for the betterment of our fellow man.

A new venture was created this year when the Hadassah ladies invited us to join them in a fund-raising capacity at their Annual Bazaar. We now have the pleasure of looking forward to many years of continued success with this program.

Our major fund-raising program this year was again our annual Millionaires' Night held each November, an event anticipated by the community at large. Due to the support of this dinner and entertainment, we are able to continue to fund many important agencies in the city, U.J.A., J.S.S.A., J.S.U.-Hillel, Walkathon, B.B.Y.O., Hillel Lodge, to name only a few.

Our community volunteer service program headed by Marty Glatt brings happiness to many senior citizens' homes, with bingos, musical interludes and highlighted by a fabulous Christmas Day at St. Patrick's Home, bringing dinner and cheer in a way only Marty Glatt and B'nai B'rith can do.

Parliament Lodge can be proud as many of our members are in the forefront of other community projects. Walkathon, Super Sunday, U.J.A., Hillel Lodge, Jewish Social Services all benefit from the leadership of Parliament Lodge manpower.

June, 1985 is the start of something new, our first tri-lodge installation. This once more brings into view the strength and unity of B'nai B'rith in Ottawa. It is important that the membership of B'nai B'rith multiplies and flourishes. We have three Lodges each offering varied programs and social events. Please come and participate with us in our endeavour to improve our community by joining the Lodge of your choice.

We have enjoyed many fabulous evenings with our friends during convention for B'nai B'rith Canada at Grossingers, My Spouse the Lounge, bowling, Trivial Pursuit and many more.

Parliament Lodge will be holding its new members' BBQ sometime in July... we will be looking for you.

The Lodge, with enthusiasm, welcomes Norm Lesh as our Incoming president. Only from your participation and quality of workmanship, do we all have a year of which to be proud.

Shalom!

Beth Shalom Sisterhood

Shelley Schachnow, President

We, at Beth Shalom, are fortunate to have a handful of volunteers that help to keep our Shul together and our Sisterhood alive. Although we have not been active as far as meetings go, we are busy throughout the year. Our twice-weekly bingos, of which we staff the canteen, gives us some revenue. We also have a weekly kiddush for our congregants, sponsored by Sisterhood. We get together to decorate the Succah and have lovely kiddushim, lasting three days, all with the help of a dedicated corps of volunteers. Our annual Simchat Torah party is usually well-attended as is our celebration of Chanukah and Purim.

Then there is our annual Purim Bake-In, where in one day, our wonderful volunteers bake some 3,000 hamantashen, then make 75 plates of Shalach Monet which are distributed to hospitals, convalescent homes or anyone at home we know of who is unable to get out. We also donate a considerable amount of these 'goodies' to Hillel Lodge for their residents.

At Rosh Hashanah we deliver plants to every Jewish patient in hospital and get some very touching notes in return.

We also helped financially to renovate our Shul offices which now reflect a cheery atmosphere.

We have a well-stocked gift shop and two dedicated women who keep things up-to-date and are very accommodating. If they don't have it, they'll do their best to get it for you.

We are indeed grateful to our members and particularly to our volunteers, for without them, we could not function. I thank them for their efforts and wish them and their families, as well as all the members of Beth Shalom, a healthy summer in anticipation of another fulfilling year.

Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation

Benita Blustein, President

The basic objectives of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation are:

- To build a cultural bridge between Israel and Canada by bringing Israeli performers and artistic exhibitions to Canada and by encouraging Canadian artists and experts to visit Israel.
- To provide scholarships for the study of the Arts, to assist programmes which draw youth — particularly from culturally disadvantaged areas — closer to the Arts, and to help in the supporting of major cultural institutions.
- To encourage gifts of art and musical instruments, as well as grants to specific cultural institutions and projects.

Our funds are provided by membership fees (\$25 per couple, \$15 single) and donations through trust funds, mainly the Lawrence and Audrey Freiman and the Arnold Shinder Funds.

In Israel the Bezael scholarship has been awarded. In Canada we have organized an art contest for Ottawa children on Yom Ha'atzmaut.

This year in Ottawa, Israeli and Canadian culture met in the following programmes:

September

"From the Collection of" — an exhibit of interesting and unique articles of Judaica from members of the Ottawa Jewish Community as a preview to the international presentation "The Bible and the Arts", which is scheduled to take place in 1986.

November

Showing of Israeli films at "Arts Alive"

December

Chanukah Party at the home of Minda and Peter Wershof featuring entertainment by the violinist Lev Berenteyn, accompanied by pianist Evelyn Greenberg.

February

A video evening featuring the art of Yaacov Agam and the music of Isaac Stern, at the Ottawa Athletic Club.

March

•The Israeli Philharmonic came to Montréal.

•In conjunction with Friends of Ben Gurion University, The Museum of Man and the Department of Religion at Carleton University we brought Professor Eliezer Oren, on sabbatical in New York, to Ottawa to speak on "Sinai: Timeless Link Between the Lands of Israel and Egypt".

April

•A reception was held after enjoying the Israeli violinist Shlomo Mintz, who was the soloist with Czechoslovakia's "hottest" young conductor, Jiri Beholavik, at the National Arts Centre.

•Yom Ha'atzmaut poster contest, organized by Toby Nathanson. A poster was presented by the children of Ottawa to Ambassador Ben-Horin.

May

A tour of the "Lod Ghetto" exhibit is planned.

I would like to thank everyone who gave generously of their time and energy to make this a great year. Our executive was:

President: Benita Blustein

Treasurer: Anita Wisner

Secretary: Lisa Zaslavsky

Membership Secretary: Minda Wershof/Ruth Calof

Programme Chairperson: Evelyn Greenberg

Special Functions: Gloria Hantf

Hospitality Chairperson: Edie Koranyi/Myrna Barwin

Newsletter/Telephone Committee: Diane Porlah

National CIOF Liaison: Sarah Vered

Members-at-Large: A.C. Dolgin/Neomi Summers/Judy Hirsh, Nicie Kronick, Toby Nathanson, Naomi Crawford, Nehama Ben-Horin, Linda Nozick.

I would like to thank all our members and friends who came to our events, showed an interest in sharing our cultures, and supported our goals. We have all had a good time. Please join us.



Dr. Nathan Schechter, 1984 Negev Dinner honoree accepts plaque from Stella Torontow as JNF Chairman Norman Torontow looks on.

Jewish National Fund

Norman Torontow, Chairman

The Jewish National Fund of Ottawa has just completed another successful year in terms of participation and funds raised. This year was highlighted by an outstanding Negev Dinner Campaign, a successful Tu B'Shvat Telethon, High Holiday Appeal and the election of a new executive committee. An Israel contest for school children, a JNF educational program is now underway.

The 1984 Negev Dinner honoured Dr. Nathan Schechter for his devotion to the field of medicine and to the Jewish Community. The 400 people in attendance were treated to an emotionally charged speech given by Murray Schechter in tribute to his father. Participants were also privileged to view an expertly prepared Audio Visual presentation on JNF work in the Galil. Neri Bloomfield was the keynote speaker and Stella Torontow presented the Negev Dinner citation to Dr. Schechter. The dinner was chaired by Norman Torontow and dinner arrangements by Muriel Levine.

The annual Tu B'Shvat Telethon was a success under the able chairmanship of Roz Taler. Her efforts combined with those of her committed volunteers realized an increase in the sales of trees and inscriptions. Roz Taler and her committee are now planning for the 1986 Telethon.

Members of the Ottawa Jewish Community responded generously to the High Holiday Appeal which took place prior to Rosh Hashanah. With this appeal the names of loved ones could be linked with the

State of Israel in perpetuity.

The election of an executive committee took place on April 22. Harry Goldstein will be the incoming Chairman. Working with him are Irving Rivers, Sid Goldstein and Bob Gencher as vice-chairmen; Henry Molot, treasurer; Barry Lithwick, Cash Flow Chairman; Marlene Cherun, Blue Box Chairman; Roz Taler, Tu B'Shvat Telethon Chairman; Ethel Malek, Trees and Inscriptions Chairman; David Zelikovitz, David Shore and Moe Litwack as Foundation Co-Chairmen and Bill Grossman as Advisory Committee. With this exceptional Executive Committee in place, the Jewish National Fund of Ottawa is looking forward to an outstanding year.

Daniel Pe'er, the JNF Educational Shallah has met several times with students, teachers and principals of the various Hebrew schools in Ottawa. His visits always tended to bring Israel just a little closer to Ottawa. Presently, an Israel contest is underway and one lucky student in Canada will win a trip to Israel.

Jewish National Fund is the oldest institution in existence dedicated to the upbuilding of the Jewish Homeland, Israel. Since its inception in 1901 the JNF has performed miracles by transforming swamps, desert and rock beds into productive arable lands. JNF has changed the face of Israel. JNF's work is ongoing and is made possible by the monies raised in diaspora. For further information, please contact the JNF office at 230-9047.

Labour Zionist Council

Harry Goldstein, Chairman

On behalf of the Labour Zionist Council of Ottawa, I wish to submit my report on our activities for the past year.

Our Annual Ottawa Histadrut Campaign was conducted under the capable chairmanship of Josef Lebovic and his hard-working committee. All monies raised were dedicated to Camp Geshar and Amal Schools in Israel.

We are grateful to the Ottawa Jewish Telephone Directory. Our dedicated and hard-working Pioneer Women, under the chairmanship of Betty Dover have done an outstanding job in publishing the 1984 Telephone Directory. This reference book is well-received in our community and is used extensively.

The Dror-Habonim Youth Group has expanded tremendously under

the leadership of Nehemia Dishon. To date, they boast over 100 members. The Labour Zionist Council pledges its full support of this Youth Group.

The Labour Zionist Council has undertaken to supervise Camp Geshar and make contributions to improve and enlarge the facilities of this camp. We invite Ottawa Jewry to visit Camp Geshar on Highway 41 ott Kaladar.

The Labour Zionist Council holds meetings with representation from the Histadrut League, Pioneer Women Na'Amat and Dror-Habonim Youth Group.

Our Council is instrumental in activating groups in our community endeavours such as the Holocaust Memorial, United Jewish Appeal, Bonds and the J.N.F. Negev Dinner.

Acknowledgement

The Planning Committee for the Annual Meeting wishes to express its appreciation to all of the individuals who prepared the reports contained in this Special Edition of the Bulletin.

All reports received up to the press time deadline have been included in this issue.

State of Israel Bonds

Dr. Earl Cooperman,
General Campaign Chairman

During his recent visit to Canada, Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Foreign Minister and Prime Minister designate told Diaspora Jewry, that improving Israel's economic situation is the most important task on the agenda of the National Unity Government. This need was emphasized more recently by Meshulam Druckman, chief executive officer of Bank Hapoalim (Canada); he stated that Jews in the Diaspora can contribute to the Israeli economy best by investing in Israel.

Most of us do not have the resources to start businesses in Israel or buy Israeli stocks. We can and we do help the Israeli economy, however, when we purchase Israeli products. Such purchases increase exports and reduce foreign trade deficits. Just as important to the Israeli economy is the purchase of State of Israel Bonds; these are loans to the State. The funds obtained through these loans permit the government to build industrial towns, develop industry and provide infrastructure for the production of export goods. In short, Bond purchases help to reduce Israel's foreign trade deficit and provide jobs for Israelis.

Earlier this year, in the midst of Israel's economic difficulties, a top level emergency meeting of community leaders from the Diaspora met with the Prime Minister and other officials in Jerusalem. Out of this meeting came a strong statement calling for increased support for Israel's economy. Israel Bond dollars were listed as vital in strengthening the State's economy. The Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds responded to this call and urged its member community federations and foundations to invest a portion of their funds in Israel Bonds. I am pleased to report that the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation responded by pledging and paying for \$50,000 in Bonds. For this we in the Ottawa Bond organization are most grateful. This purchase made all of us feel that the Ottawa Jewish community is with us all the way. May this be the beginning of a new era in purchasing.

In order to attract more investment, the State of Israel now offers a new Individual Variable Rate In-

vestment (IVRI) Bond which pays a minimum of 6% interest plus one-half the difference between 6% and the U.S. Prime Rate calculated semi-annually. Currently these Bonds pay 8 1/4%. This new security has a term of 10 years and is available to everyone in minimum purchases of \$10,000. For those who are in a position to invest this amount — please note that this is a very reasonable and competitive investment and these Bonds can be used as security on loans and other investments. Our Board hopes to sell 50 IVRI Bonds in Ottawa this year.

I would remind you that it is important to reinvest your matured Israel Bonds in order for them to benefit Israel. Israel Bonds do not accrue interest beyond the maturity date. As a bonus to those holding Bonds maturing from March to December 1986, please note that you can reinvest these Bonds NOW! For information, please call the Bond office. We are conveniently located in suite 201 at the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street. Our phone number is 236-7139. Better still drop in to say hello and shmooze when you are in the JCC. We would love to see you.)

NOTES:
•Retiring City Director, Abe Klugsberg, has retired from his position as City Director of Bonds after a 12 year period with us. Abe has been an asset to this community and to the State. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to know and work with him. Abe will carry on until the new Director takes over.

•New City Director, Jim Hassan, has agreed to come to Ottawa from Toronto to take over Abe's job. Jim was born in Gibraltar, he is 39 years old and comes from a prestigious Safardi family. He is fluent in English and French and is devoted to Jewish values. Jim plans to take up residence here on June 1, 1985. He will be bringing his wife and two children here from Toronto soon after.

•New Furnishings: This year we were able to move into the JCC. Our offices are very pleasant and we are grateful to this community for making these arrangements for us. I am pleased to report that John and Gladys Greenberg have provided luxurious new furnishings for our office and these are on the way.

Women's Federation

Zelaine Shinder, Chairman

Women's Federation's "raison d'être" is to provide a liaison for Presidents of Jewish organizations, where they can communicate and participate in meaningful exchanges for the common good and welfare of our community.

This year we were called upon to co-ordinate the hospitality and volunteer manpower for the Canadian Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Their Children. We, in turn, called upon our organizations, and the response was monumental. Commitments were made and honored by hundreds of ladies, who very willingly gave of their time and expertise. I thank you one and all for your involvement and tireless efforts.

A major concern of the Women's Federation is the maintenance and co-ordination of a viable Community Calendar of social, educational,

and fundraising events, which appear on the back page of every issue of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review. Our community has grown vastly in the past number of years, and as a result the increase in communal events has caused minor scheduling conflicts. However, due to the constant monitoring and understanding of all our organizations, our task as mediator and clearing house has been made much easier.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community organizations, our many volunteers, and the professional staff for their help. I would also like to express the hope that this fine spirit of co-operation and commitment continues.

To the incoming Women's Federation Chairman, my best wishes and continued support.



Ottawa Modern Jewish School

Charna Mittelman, President
Gerald Cammy, Principal

In keeping with the philosophy of Ottawa Modern Jewish School's over thirty year history, we place emphasis on Jewish tradition, language, history, culture and current events, as well as on developing in our children a positive identification with the Jewish people. While religious observances are considered to be a personal matter of the individual family, the ethics and morality of Judaism are very much a part of the school's curriculum.

The curriculum is under continual review by our principal Gerry Cammy and the Education committee headed by Ilan Rumstein. We are the only school in the Ottawa area teaching Yiddish and Yiddish culture.

O.M.J.S. arranges for Bar or Bat Mitzvah lessons. Students attend regular classes of the school but receive Bar/Bat Mitzvah instructions from a qualified person outside school hours.

It is the intent of the school to instill in each and every student a sense of self-respect and pride in his or her Jewish identity and heritage.

A staff of highly professional teachers, supplemented by graduate assistants, aim, through dedicated efforts, to create an atmosphere where learning is a joyous experience. *Ruch* (spirit) is a large part of the education received by our 130, four-year-old kindergarten to grade seven

students.

Besides our regular set of courses, the school has a few annual special projects which the students, parents and teachers look forward to with great anticipation. A course on the Holocaust is given to the grade seven students by principal Gerry Cammy. A graduation field trip to Montreal to visit Jewish places of interest is a highlight for all our students. The school assembles to celebrate Chanukah, Purim and Pessach. Each section of the school gets to share one holiday festivity with their parents and friends in attendance.

The U.J.A. Walkathon is an important day for O.M.J.S. students as they look forward each year to competing for the school plaque for the class with the greatest attendance.

This year students and parents are anxiously awaiting the drawing for a microwave oven, which is the prize in our fund-raising raffle.

We are very proud to announce the formation of the "Bertha and Abe Palmer Library" for teachers and students of our school. Thanks to a generous donation from the Palmers, a dream of the school can finally come true.

Registration will take place on the first day of school. Any other information about the school or registration can be obtained by contacting Charna Mittelman at 824-7351 or Gerry Cammy at the school at 722-6657.

Today's
Scholars...
Tomorrow's
Leaders



JSU-Hillel

Jonathan Schneiderman, Chairman
Hilary Ingre, Acting Co-ordinator

The Jewish Students' Union-Hillel, an independent member agency of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council, offers programming to some 600 post-secondary students in the Ottawa area.

While JSU-Hillel did not enjoy its most successful year, there were, nonetheless, a number of bright spots in the area of campus programming and 'organization building' for the coming year.

JSU-Hillel continued its 'Campus Watch' of materials being distributed at both the University of Ottawa and Carleton University campuses. When necessary, we were ready to protest to, and inform, university officials regarding the dissemination of anti-semitic material on campus.

We maintained a constant presence at both Universities by setting up 'Information Kiosks' from which we distributed a wide range of materials — from Israeli Affairs to details about the recent Gathering of Holocaust Survivors and their families.

Our major programming event of the year, 'Israel Day' (formerly called Jewish Heritage Day) was expanded to include both University campuses. The two day event, held in conjunction with the Israel Program Centre, was a tribute to the cultural, political, historical and economic panorama and richness of the people and land of Israel. JSU-Hillel was fortunate to have as guest speakers former U.S. presidential aide, John Rothman, and visiting Israeli professor, Gaby Weinman. The undertaking of such a large scale event was difficult, yet proved to be most worthwhile; students resolved to begin planning early for next year's Israel Day.

JSU-Hillel hosted more than 200 university students from across Canada for the 1st. Annual Soviet Jewry Lobby Day. During this event, modelled after a similar annual day held in Washington, participants met with over 50 Members of Parlia-

ment and Cabinet Ministers, attended a rally in front of the Soviet Embassy and held a joint meeting with the Parliamentary Committee for Soviet Jewry.

Students from both campuses attended national student conferences and conventions throughout the year: Network National Convention in Montreal, Hillel Regional Conference in New Haven, Conn., Network Central Region Seminar in Toronto, and in Ottawa, the Canada-Israel Committee Parliamentary Dinner and the Holocaust Gathering.

JSU-Hillel's Newspaper was once again in print this year. A dedicated staff of student volunteers, under the leadership of editor Ariela Friedmann, produced two informative, creative (and at times controversial) editions. Plans are already underway for next fall's 'back to school' edition.

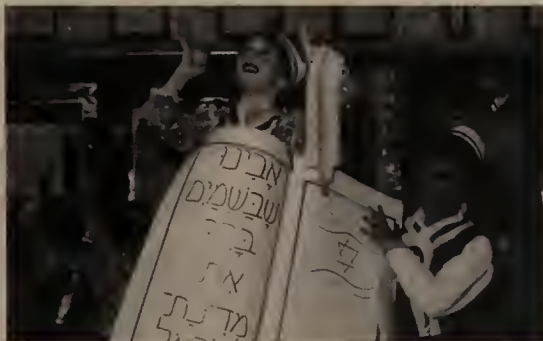
The JSU-Hillel sports program continued this year with weekly basketball in the JCC gym and a racquet sport tournament at the OAC.

We held a number of social activities during the year including dances and brunches that met with varying degrees of success.

Campus programming this year included informal "brown bag" discussion lunches on each campus. Topics ranged from Soviet Jewry Action to Jewish Morality and Ethics to contemporary Israeli Affairs. A number of our local Rabbis led these discussions as did representatives from the Embassy of Israel.

JSU-Hillel also embarked upon an Outreach Program at Algonquin College.

We look forward to bigger and better things for next year! As outgoing chairman of JSU-Hillel, I would like to wish every success to Incoming chairman, Mitch Weinberg, Carleton President, Carolyn Sher, and University of Ottawa President, Cheryl Marshall.



Hillel Academy

Alan Williams, Chairman
Stan Katz, Director of Education

This has been a very exciting year for Hillel Academy, Ottawa's traditional community Hebrew day school. Led by its new administration and supported by its dedicated and highly professional staff, the school introduced many varied events and activities for its student body of nearly 400 children.

In the Judaic program, Rabbi Basil Herring and the Judaic staff continued their work in developing the new curriculum. In particular, planning is progressing on the introduction in 1985/86 of the highly acclaimed "Tal Sela" Hebrew language program for Grades 2, 3, 4. The exceptional results of our students at the National Bible Contest in Toronto made us all proud and one need only look at the faces of the children during their Chumash and Siddur parties to see the love and respect that has been instilled in them for Judaism.

In the secular program the school continued to broaden the experiences of the children by having them participate in public speaking contests, in a play filmed for TV, in science fairs and in competitions with public schools in basketball. The English & French programs were also improved with additional time being allotted to the children in Hillel's quality computer lab.

The school is very proud to support and participate in community events. The school choir performed beautifully at the annual Yom Ha'atzmaut activities and some classes performed for residents at Hillel Lodge. Hillel was honoured with a visit by Mrs. Yitzchak Shamir and Mrs. Ben-Horin. Ambassador Ben-Horin was present at the Hillel Yom Ha'atzmaut assembly.

The Ottawa Talmud Torah board also announced that next year a High School program for credit will be introduced at Nepean High School in adjunct to the regular secular program. The curriculum will involve approximately 9 hours weekly on Judaic instruction. Establishment of this high school program as well as the continuing improvements to Hillel Academy, reflect the concern and commitment of the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board, the administration and the staff to providing Ottawa with the highest quality educational program.

Ottawa Histadrut Campaign

Joseph Lebovic, Chairman



The Chairman and Campaign Committee conducted their 62nd Annual Histadrut Campaign during the month of March and April.

Several well-attended meetings were held to organize our Campaign, and we wish to extend our thanks to the many canvassers from the Histadrut League and the Pioneer Women Na'Amat.

The Blitz Telephone canvass was organized by the Pioneer Women on Sunday mornings. This proved to be most successful and was very well received by our contributors.

This year our Campaign was dedicated to Camp Gesher and for a computer laboratory in the Senator Croll Amal School in Tiberias, Israel. This laboratory will enable teenagers to be taught the basic concepts of programming and computer language as well as learning to design, build and maintain computerized systems. This will

guarantee that the youth who graduate from the Senator Croll Amal School, will enter the work force equipped to meet today's technological demands.

Anyone visiting Israel can survey with pride the many fine institutions bearing the proud title of the "Ottawa Jewish Community" — The Medical Centre in Herzlia, a Cultural Centre in Petach Tikvah, the Youth Centre in Jerusalem, the Jewish Heritage Project in East Jerusalem and the Ottawa Canada Dental Clinic in Dimona.

Many perpetual scholarships and bursaries have been donated to children from under-privileged families to enable them to enrol in Amal Vocational Training Schools.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the many contributors who have donated generously to make these projects a success.



Israel Day at Ottawa U.

Congregation Beth Shalom

Morris Schachnow,
President



The past year has been a most productive time at Congregation Beth Shalom. Over the course of the year the synagogue maintained its traditional range of services and activities, and in some areas effected significant growth.

The major focus of Congregational activity remains our regular weekday and Sabbath services, in conjunction with the Yomtov calendar. Services at Beth Shalom downtown are consistently well-attended, weekday services continue to attract a good core of committed gentlemen who run the Minyannaire breakfast service with distinction. Beth Shalom West likewise has consolidated its prayer services, so that Shabbat and Yomtov services are well established and attended, with many young families involved in a variety of religious, cultural, and fund-raising activities.

During the course of the year ongoing programs included the Sunday Family Brunch program with a varied roster of speakers and performers, well received by generally good turnouts. Simchat Torah, Purim and Hanukkah at Beth Shalom have become major events, with many hundreds of people, both members of the larger congregation as well as non-members from the community at large, in attendance. The Sisterhood, under the leadership of Shelley Schachnow, sponsored many of these special activities.

Adult Education in the synagogue has continued, with regular study of Mishnah, Talmud, Chumash, topics in basic Judaism, and special Batmitzva study groups. The monthly Chavurah discussion group has likewise continued to meet. All these study activities include downtown as well as satellite members, sometimes together, and at other times in separate locations, taught for the most part by the two Rabbis of Beth Shalom.

Administratively, significant progress occurred with the complete refurbishing of the synagogue offices, including the relocation of the Rabbi's and Cantor's offices into more conducive quarters. A fine addition to the synagogue was the installation of the Tree of Life, placed in the lobby, esthetically pleasing and a highly effective means of synagogue support.

Beth Shalom West had a full schedule of services and programs, climaxed by the long-awaited commencement of construction of the new building on Chartwell Street in Craig Henry. This new facility will serve not only as a catalyst for major growth and expansion of this satellite facility, but also as a centre for all Jewish life in the western suburbs and Nepean. The building will be completed in time for the upcoming High Holidays. Beth Shalom West has continued to grow numbers wise, with numerous new families taking new memberships.

Beth Shalom continues to provide outstanding leadership in this community, both through its individual members, as well as in its traditional role as a pillar of Jewish life in the city. We look forward to the coming year with great anticipation of further consolidation and growth in all areas.

Young Leadership Development Group

Stephen Greenberg, Chairman



The closing program of the Young Leadership Development Group was held on December 19, 1984. In attendance were 20 individuals who had participated over a course of 18 months studying various aspects of the Jewish Community of Ottawa.

The intent and focus of our Leadership Group as determined by the Steering Committee was to familiarize and educate participants with local communal institutions.

Programs were held on a monthly basis, commencing in the fall of 1983 with an introduction by Harvey Lithwack on the issues facing the Jewish community and inner workings of the Vaad; Sol Shinder dealt with the Integrated Planning and Budgeting System; a Panel discussion on Services to the Senior Adult was held; and Israel-Diaspora Relations were examined. Space limits tell details of all the programs.

The highlight of our program, and those who were able to participate will agree, was the mini-Mission to Washington held in June of last year. The two day trip focused on American-Israeli relations and the American Jewish community. Briefings were held with officials of the Pentagon and State Department, the American Jewish Committee and American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee. We also had the opportunity to meet with Canadian Government officials at the Canadian embassy.

Members of the group observed a number of board and committee meetings of our beneficiary agencies in an attempt to broaden their understanding of the communal process first hand.

Presently, follow-up is being conducted with the "graduates" to determine and work closely with them to ensure their placement and involvement in the various agencies in our community.

I would like to express my appreciation to the other members of the Steering Committee as well as professional staff for their support and commitment.

Congregation Machzikei Hadas

Murray Citron, President
Dr. Reuven P. Bulka, Rabbi

The year 5745, corresponding to September 1984 to June 1985, was an active year within our congregation.

At the beginning of the year, in September, the congregation held a gala tribute, celebrating 18 years that our Rabbi and his family have been with us. As an outgrowth of that occasion, we have started the Rabbi and Mrs. Bulka Video Library, which in conjunction with other communal resources, will make available Judaic audio-visual material.

During the course of the year, we have had a number of successful breakfasts, starting with a Bond breakfast prior to the High Holy Days. Later on in December there was a breakfast at which Dr. Chaim Birnboim spoke on issues related to cancer. In February Dr. William Goldstein gave an informative presentation on the heart.

Other programs of an informative nature included a March presentation on the Ethiopian Jewry issue, with a slide presentation by Dr. Harry Prizant who had recently returned from Ethiopia.

An adult Shabbaton where the adults took over the entire running of the service was held in December and another one is planned for June.

In the area of adult education, the Rabbi conducts a Talmud class every Sunday morning between 8:00 and 9:00 prior to the services, and also conducts a study class in Jewish Ethics for ladies on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Additionally, aside from the regular services, there is study every weekday between Mincha and Maariv, and on Shabbat afternoon at the Shalosh Seudot gathering.

The sisterhood of our shul was also quite active. They have held a Strawberry Tea, an opening meeting with a Fashion show, a meeting highlighted by a book-review, a panel on "Women in Judaism" featuring Francine Zuckerman and Rabbi Bulka, a Pot Luck Luncheon, a question and answer session, a panel discussion on drugs open to the entire community, as well as such social occasions as the Chinese Buffet and Movie night. Additionally, the sisterhood over the years has been deeply involved in

fundraising, and this year as before was responsible for one of the two bingos that we run. They have had a nearly new sale, and have available a vast array of books and gifts in the Gift Shop.

In the area of Youth activities, we have had a Chanukah luncheon party in conjunction with the sisterhood which featured a magilican amongst other highlights. There has been a movie night for teens, a teen celebrative evening, a Purim decorating and mask making morning, a teen bowling event, Tallis and Tefilin gatherings, amongst other feature activities.

Of special importance has been the development of the Junior congregation which has its own service every Shabbos and on Yom Tov. Additionally, we have started B'nai Akiva groups on Shabbat afternoons, for 4 to 7 year olds and for 7 to 10 year olds.

The shul serves as the home for the Star of David Afternoon School. The school is an independent operation but its presence greatly enhances the shul's environment.

As with all other features of the shul, adult, sisterhood, and youth activities are encouraging, but we always have the feeling that there is more to be done, and hopefully will be done in future years.

Fundraising of course, is the fuel that allows the synagogue engine to go full speed, and we are very fortunate to have dedicated individuals who have given so much of their time to the shul's financial viability. We have bingo twice a week, a bingo canteen, and a successful annual Gold Draw.

We were given the opportunity to honour the bingo workers at a brunch in October, but all the special occasions could not express adequately the gratitude that the entire congregation has to these dedicated individuals.

Shul services are coordinated through the efforts of the Ritual Chairman, the Parnass and Associate Parnass. The staple of the shul, the daily minyan, is greatly enhanced by a morning breakfast.

To all those who have made this a fruitful year in our shul's development, go the heartfelt thanks of the entire Executive Board and membership.

Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood

Libby Steinberg, President

Our opening meeting was held on September 11 last in our social hall at which time we presented a Fashion Show by Shepherd's Fashion Accessories.

We have tried to bring interesting and diverse programs to span the age differences of our membership. Some of the programs presented were: Histacom, Book Review, a panel discussion on Women in Judaism, a social evening of a Chinese dinner and movie, a luncheon program for Purim and a panel discussion on drug related problems open to the community for parents and teens. We are still trying to find the solution of getting more of our members to attend our general meetings.

Our fundraisers remain basically the same: gift shop, bingo and specific gifts to established funds (cards), nearly new sale, tea.

Our closing dinner was held on May 28, and our annual Strawberry Tea will be held on July 3.

Our incoming President is Ellen Fathi. We wish her every success in the coming year.

Agudath Israel Congregation

Dr. Sidney Kardash, President
Arnold Fine, Rabbi

The Congregation continues to grow and is still increasing its membership.

To properly plan for our entire membership a fundraising campaign has begun which will enable Agudath Israel to provide more High Holiday seating, which will renovate the library, add a dairy kitchen, and add a Bet Midrash, to name a few of the plans for the new facility. Our members have shown a gratifying response to the plans, and the exciting renovations are underway.

The Adult Education Committee, under the chairmanship of Gustave Goldman, has given the community several superlative programs. The French Cultural Weekend was excellent as the resident scholar, Dr. Arnold Ages, stimulated the minds of all who heard him. More recently, Professor Irving Abella spoke on "Canada and the Holocaust" and his talk engendered moving and painful responses in many.

The Youth Committee, under the chairmanship of Heather Cohen, continues to progress with much excellence and commitment on the part of the committee members and staff. A highlight of the year has been the development of a Tefillatenu program for the children on Shabbat. This program, begun with great dedication by Rabbi A. Fine and Elizabeth Woiynetz, and now carried out by Elizabeth and Alan Sokoloff, has given the youth a meaningful Shabbat study program. Our general youth activities are offered to children ages 8-17 with a great deal of success.

Men's Club, under the Chairmanship of Alan Cracower, has done an excellent job, highlighted by the twinning with a congregation in Ashkelon, Israel. We thereby exchange information and programs and we indicate our support for the Conservative movement in Israel.

Sisterhood, under the presidency of Donna Dolansky, has operated with excellence and dedication on the part of its members. It continues to be a vital part of our Shul.

Agudath Israel Sisterhood

Donna Dolansky, President

1984-85 has been a very busy year in Agudath Israel Sisterhood. On September 12, 1984, we kicked off the year with a very successful luncheon featuring Naomi Bronstein, founder of Heal the Children. Her address was informative and very moving. Before Rosh Hashana, the Sisterhood delivered challahs and wine to the homes of new members of Agudath Israel and on Simchat Torah, treats were distributed to the children.

In October, Inge Hoffman, a volunteer at the Museum of Man and a Sisterhood member, led an extremely interesting tour of the museum. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Our November meeting was entitled "Those Who Chose Judaism". Yael Lefkovich spoke to us about her experiences teaching conversion classes. Also in November, Irma Solomon and I attended the Women's League Biennial Convention, and returned enthusiastic about new programme ideas and projects. One project which we undertook was the creation of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah Handbook. Barbara Farber, Jewish Family Living Chairman, and I, with the assistance of the clergy and the ritual committee, wrote a booklet with the intention of helping Bar/Bat Mitzvah parents to plan their child's Simcha. This booklet will be sent to parents approximately four months prior to the Simcha, compliments of Sisterhood.

December brings Chanukah and this year it brought a delightful Chanukah Gelt Luncheon, honouring the elderly. We had as our guests several residents of Hillside Lodge and other Ottawa homes. Marlene Cherun and Barry Horowitz spoke to us on the topic of services for the elderly, and the Israeli

Singers entertained us.

Our Sisterhood participated in Arts Alive in December. Gitta Aptowitz, Gift Shop chairman, brought lovely items to sell, and our Arts Alive booth was very successful.

Alma Norman, of the Jewish Women's Network, was the speaker at our January Munch 'n' Learn, where everyone enjoyed the workshop format of Alma's presentation.

In March, two successful Sisterhood events took place. The first was a pasta-making demonstration on March 20, 1985 by Betty's Kitchen. March 23, 1985 marked Sisterhood Shabbat, which was the culmination of our Sisterhood Torah Fund Campaign. Carol Sher, member of the National Torah Fund Cabinet, spoke from the pulpit, and Sisterhood members participated in the service.

On Purim, Sisterhood once again distributed treats to the children after the reading of the Megillah, and everyone had a great time.

The two final programmes of the Sisterhood year were the installation Shabbat on May 25, 1985, and the closing Ladies' Night on June 5, 1985. At this time I will be saying Shalom and L'Hil'at as President of Agudath Israel Sisterhood for the term of 1985-86. My term was made immeasurably more successful and pleasant by my industrious and cooperative executive and Board of Trustees.

Marcelle O'Hayon is the Incoming Sisterhood President and she will be supported by an excellent executive and Board of Trustees, including the Vice Presidents Sandy Shaver and Sandy Hirshhorn. We look forward to an exciting year ahead!



Adath Shalom Congregation

Steve Shugar, President

In May 1985, Adath Shalom Congregation enters its eighth year as a creative force for Jewish expression in the Ottawa community. This Conservative congregation with its egalitarian philosophy continues to conduct weekly Shabbat services at the Library of the Greenbank Public School. The principles of member participation and fellowship guide all activities of the shul.

Adath Shalom looks back upon last year's activities with pride. Members and guests appreciated the intimate atmosphere of the High Holiday services held, as always, at the Riviera Gate Apartments party room, this year with Jewish Theological Seminary student David Eligberg serving as rabbi and chazan. The number of new faces present at these services attested to the need for a congregation of this type in the Ottawa community.

Throughout the course of the year, holidays were celebrated in a atmosphere of chavurah, often at the home of the congregant. Our traditional Sukkoth celebration, at a member's sukkah, was followed a few weeks later by our first annual Women's Shabbat, with women leading all parts of the service. The enthusiastic participation by the women confirmed in the members' minds the often untapped talents of female congregants, and the desire of many women to participate actively in services.

Latke season brought with it the usual singing and games for the children, but this year, the festivities

were enhanced by Israeli dancing lead by Maria Blacher. Programming also had a more serious component. Media perceptions of the Middle East was discussed in a talk by Gabriel Weimann, a visiting professor from Haifa University.

The Passover season brought another opportunity for the congregation to benefit from David Eligberg's expertise, this time at a special pre-Pesach Shabbaton weekend. Besides a lively Oneg Shabbat, there was a "Pesach workshop" where the origins of many Passover traditions were discussed, and a Sunday morning talk on Maimonides. During Pesach, a discussion by Dr. Avinoam Danin of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on the plants of the Sinai gave a new dimension to our concept of the 40 years spent by the Israelites in the desert.

Flea Markets, Fashion Party, and Arts Alive provided not only opportunity for Adath Shalom to raise some funds, but also allowed members to join together to hand-craft dreidels, dried flower arrangements, aprons, and other saleable items.

Past President Steve Shugar expects that the new year and the new Board of Directors will continue to demonstrate Adath Shalom's special brand of enthusiasm and dedication, and that the shul will find many new members, young and old, experienced and novice, and male and female, leading services and programs.



Young Israel of Ottawa

Dr. Baruch Diena, President
Mordecai Berger, Rabbi

The Young Israel of Ottawa is in the midst of another successful and active year. One of the highlights of this past year was our congregational Simchat Torah Hakofat and dinner where all participants truly celebrated with the Torah. Another highlight was our Purim Seudah which was attended by over two hundred adults and children, many dressed in costume. We hold monthly Shabbatons where the entire congregation partakes of a Shabbos lunch together and then listen to and joins in discussion led by Rabbi Berger on a variety of topics. We have also held many other activities including a soup and salad Melava Malka, Simchat Biet Hashoeva, and Lag B'Omer picnic and parade. Our Shavuot Learn-a-thon will soon be held. A number of Sunday morning breakfast programs with guest speakers were also sponsored. Of particular note was a special monthly Tallis and Tephillin breakfast and outing for Bar Mitzvah age boys which was conducted by Rabbi Moshe Kamensky.

The Young Israel of Ottawa has also sponsored a number of Torah classes that meet on a regular basis. Rabbi Berger leads a weekly shiur for women and another for men. Other members of our

synagogue, including E. Maser, Dr. Y. Caylak, Rabbi D. Hayes, D. Narwa and Mrs. C. Hayes also teach classes on a regular basis.

Our synagogue is proud that many of its members serve on the boards of a variety of educational institutions in Ottawa including the Ottawa Talmud Torah, Ottawa Torah Institute, Ecole Maimonides and the Association for Enrichment Afternoon Schools. In addition, many of our members play an active role in a wide variety of community organizations including the Ottawa Vaad Hakashrut, Hillside Lodge, B'nai Brith, Emunah Women of Canada, Chevra Kadisha of Ottawa, Jewish Youth Library of Ottawa and the newly formed Dial-a-Daf service.

The Young Israel is proud of its longstanding commitment to Torah within the community. We encourage the attendance and participation of families, particularly the children, in our services and programs.

The new executive (1985-86) is: Dr. Norman Tenebaum, President; Gerry Snyder, Vice-President; Michael Bendel, Vice-President; Morris Kimmel, Treasurer; Dr. Yosef Caylak, Corresponding Secretary; Andrew Tabak, Recording Secretary.

Temple Israel

Stephen L. Harris, President
Sanford T. Marcus, Rabbi



Temple Israel, Ottawa's only Reform Congregation, was founded in 1966 and has grown to a membership of 290 families. The Temple is a member of the Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Rabbi Sanford Marcus, spiritual leader, was ordained at Hebrew Union College, the Reform Seminary.

Temple Israel offers services every Shabbat, Friday evening and Saturday morning, a monthly Shabbat Family Dinner and regular children's services for students of the Religious School. A series of special Friday night programs were presented this year featuring visiting Rabbis R. Address and B. Zlotowitz, Cantor A. Fine and Temple members. The Temple Religious School meets twice weekly with over 150 children in attendance and has classes ranging from pre-kindergarten through grade 10. The school program is directed by Rabbi Marcus and co-ordinated with Temple activities thereby insuring that the children are aware of both their heritage and the traditions of Reform Judaism.

The Senior Youth Group of Temple Israel (F.R.O.S.T.Y.) has a membership of 60 teenagers and is one of the largest youth groups both in Ottawa and the Northeast Region. Its parent FROSTY is an active participant in the National Capital Council of Jewish Youth on the local level and helped to make the J.C.C. Purim Carnival a success. Regionally, members have been represented at all events including a Debate Week-End held in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Adult Education Committee has sponsored bi-monthly programs at the Sunday Morning Breakfast

Club. Topics, wide-ranging and informative, were addressed by lecturers who were specialists in their fields. Among the speakers was Rabbi Elyse Goldstein of Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto, the first woman rabbi in Canada.

Sisterhood and Brotherhood continued their traditional support of Temple activities. Sisterhood organized the Chanukah Dinner Dance and "nearly-new sales". Brotherhood's Celebrity Auction was an outstanding success and the proceeds of this remarkable event were dedicated to the relief of Ethiopian victims of famine and drought.

1984-85 has been a year of unprecedented achievement for the Temple Social Action Committee. Three years ago the Committee, under chairman Dr. Walter Hendelman, asked the Temple to "adopt" a Russian Refusenik Family. Thus, Dr. Mark Reitman and family became a part of Temple Israel and through letters, parcels, and a personal visit contact was established. In February the Reitmans were asked to leave Russia and by month's end were in Boston. On March 30, 1985, at the annual Soviet Jewry Shabbat Service (hosted by Temple Israel) the community was overwhelmed at meeting, in person, Dr. Reitman and daughter Masha.

The Social Action Committee has been a leader in city-wide efforts to provide aid for the Falashas and their resettlement in Israel and for all Ethiopians.

President Stephen Harris will lead Temple Israel into its third decade; a congregation, active in the community, concerned with national and international social problems and dedicated to its Jewish values.

Beth Shalom West

Irving Kulik, Chairman
Gershon Sonnenschein, Rabbi

During the course of the past year, Beth Shalom West has seen significant growth in membership and activities. Beth Shalom West, with a membership of over 110 families is the largest synagogue in Nepean and the only orthodox one.

After being founded some five years ago as a satellite of Beth Shalom, it has succeeded in attracting families from various backgrounds and in producing its own energetic and highly motivated local leadership. Its members are actively involved in many Ottawa Jewish community organizations including the Talmud Torah Board, Maimonides, U.J.A., the J.C.C., Israel Bonds, and of course Congregation Beth Shalom.

While working closely with Beth Shalom, most of Beth Shalom West's activities are organized and led by its own members. During the last year, major functions included a very successful dinner-dance, a family picnic, a membership dance, a number of regular youth programs, a very active adult education program, and special events related to yom tov.

Beth Shalom West maintains Shabbat and holiday services without fail. Saturday morning services currently take place at the party room of 33 Banner Road. Friday and Saturday evening services take place in the homes of members. This has allowed us to more closely bind the shul and the community.

This is reflected in the participation of members in the services. Services are led by Rabbi Gershon Sonnenschein who is well known as a teacher at Hillel Academy as well as for being active in providing for the needs of the Jewish Community in Nepean.

After years of much work and planning, construction is starting for a permanent facility on Chartwell Avenue in Craig Henry. Construction is expected to be completed for the 1985 High Holy Day services, and will provide the community with a social hall and several meeting rooms suitable for various adult and youth programs. This will better allow us to serve the needs of the growing Jewish Community in Nepean. The hall will be welcomed by the many young families planning Bar Mitzvahs, Bat Torahs, and other simchas in the near future. In fact, a number of dates have already been reserved into 1986.

In short, with this development, Beth Shalom West will attract even larger numbers of people both to the area and the synagogue. We expect unparalleled growth and activity this year and in the many years to come. To those who first conceived of this concept, primarily the Executive and Board of Congregation Beth Shalom and Rabbi Basil Herring, as well as the many lay leaders who have worked tirelessly for many years, this will serve as a well deserved and lasting tribute.

Ladies Reception Committee for Newcomers

Ruth Calof, Chairman

The Ladies Reception Committee for Newcomers to the Ottawa Jewish community held two teas during 1984 to welcome female newcomers to the Jewish community. The spring tea was held on May 27, 1984 at the home of Mrs. Sidney (Cally) Kardash. The fall tea was held at the home of Mrs. Allan (Naomi) Cracower on October 21, 1984.

The Ladies Reception Committee, an agency of the Vaad Ha'Ir, was founded in 1957 to welcome newcomers and to inform them of the organizations and services available in the Jewish community. The 18 (chai) members of the Committee are: Mrs. M.R. (Sarah) Berke,

Mrs. M. (Rose) Betcherman, Mrs. H. (Ruth) Calof, Mrs. S. (Marcia) Caplan, Mrs. A. (Naomi) Cracower, Mrs. M. (Greta) Cohen, Mrs. D. (Ronnie) Gavis, Mrs. M. (Vera) Glube, Mrs. L. (Carole) Greenberg, Mrs. S. (Beatrice) Hock, Mrs. S. (Cally) Kardash, Mrs. N. (Sonia) Kizeli, Mrs. N. (Miriam) Levitin, Mrs. S. (Ida) Lithwick, Mrs. H. (Yetta) Pearl, Mrs. A. (Shirley) Solomon, Mrs. L. (Miriam) Welner, and Mrs. H. (Sally) Weltman.

We wish to thank the Vaad Ha'Ir for their support and especially wish to express appreciation to Lillian Laks and Rosalie Rose for their untiring co-operation.

Shalom Welcome Service

Gaby Sassoon, Chairman
Anne Goldberg, Co-Chairman



The Shalom Welcome Service was established in order to assist newcomers integrate into the Ottawa Jewish Community. It is run by volunteers, many of them relative newcomers themselves.

Newcomers to our community are put on the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin mailing list and are contacted by a volunteer who telephones them to extend greetings on behalf of the Ottawa Jewish Community. Newcomers are invited to a coffee and cake evening which not only gives them an opportunity to learn about the Ottawa Jewish Community, its institutions and organizations, but also gives them the opportunity to meet other newcomers to the community.

Our main event each year is the annual wine and cheese party to which all newcomers who arrived during the past year are invited. Shalom Welcome Service volunteers, members of the Vaad and representatives of various service organizations also attend.

This past year, coffee and cake parties were held in August and December. The annual wine and cheese party to which 145 newcomers were invited was held on Sunday, May 5.

Shalom Welcome Service extends an invitation to the community to inform us about newcomers to our community to be invited to one of our informational and social evenings.

We also welcome new volunteers to Shalom Welcome Service and representatives of Ottawa Jewish organizations, services, schools and synagogues who would like to provide brochures or representatives for our informational evenings.

Next year Beryl Ben-Reuven and Ann Goldberg will co-chair the Shalom Welcome Service.

To provide names of newcomers, become a volunteer, or obtain further information, contact Lillian Laks at the Jewish Community Centre, 232-7306.

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TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILIES**



Star of David Hebrew School

Elizabeth Schwartz, Chairman
Hennie Honigman, Principal

The Star of David Hebrew School is now entering its tenth year. Looking back at the inception of the school (1976) with eighteen students and very dedicated parents who pursued their strong feelings for Jewish Education, the Machzikei Hadas Synagogue welcomed these eighteen students with open arms.

Funneling in all efforts to these pioneer students resulted in an Educational standard with present enrollment of seventy eager students — Kindergarten to Grade VII.

The goal of the school is to make the children aware of their Jewish Heritage by the study of the History, Chumash, Dinim (Laws and Customs) and Tefillah. The Siddur is used daily to better acquaint them with the services of the Synagogue, identify with Israel, the Holocaust and living everyday life as a Jew.

Learning Hebrew as a language enables them to broaden their outlook on life, and more important, themselves through the study of their culture.

The school has its own library and students are encouraged to read the wide selection of the books and to make use of the reference material available to them.

The school strives to provide the personal touch with enrichment studies and a remedial programme. It has developed quite successfully a system of learning whereby individual attention is given to each student's level of learning and understanding. The student teacher relationship is one of harmony and our increasing enrollment indicates this factor.

Kindergarten classes are held on Mondays — 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Grades I-VI — Monday and Wednesday — 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Grade VII — Monday — 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Bar Mitzvah classes on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Activities:

Succhoth — Decorating Party
Chanukkah Programme — our annual programme at Hillel Lodge was outstanding. Residents were very receptive and wished us to return.

Arts and crafts gifts made by the K.G. — Grades 1 — VII students were given to each resident, singing for them and with them, being there taught the students what the Life Cycle is all about and actually practicing Mitzvot.

Israel Bond Poster Contest
Purim Arts & Crafts Purim was celebrated with students all dressed in colorful costumes along with some of the teachers. Judging was done by the Gr. VI students. A Carnival then was enjoyed by all. Hamantashen and drinks culminated the programme.

Shabbat Presentation by Gr. IV — Poster and Poems representing each phase and purpose of Shabbat.

Passover — Two separate Model Seders were conducted — K.G. Gr. I and II together and Grade III, IV, V, VI and VII together — participation by all students.

Holocaust Memorial Service was commemorated with a film; Grade III presented a play and Gr. VI lighting of the candles.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut — Participation in Poster Contest and Parade for children.

L'Ag B'Omer Outing — games and baseball interschool game.

School Shabbaton — Participation by all the students as well as Graduates from the school.

Tzedka Boxes donated to the Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jews by Gr. I students.

Tu B'Shevat was celebrated with films, planting of seeds and the encouragement of the buying of trees and stamps.

Funding:

The School operates on a lean budget considering the number of students; Star of David Hebrew School Donation Cards. The complete support of the Parents and the understanding of our Teachers, the Star of David Hebrew School has become an important entity in the Jewish community.

Participation and encouragement is our Magic Formula.

Hillel Lodge — Women's Auxiliary

Thelma Steinman, President

All Jewish holidays are marked by appropriate celebrations at the Lodge during the year and are chaired by Helen Beiles. Helen worked very hard this year and managed to increase the number of our members to the high level that exists today.

During the summer of 1984, there were several garden parties held for the residents. These took place at the homes of Rachel Nadolny, Babe Dubinsky and Dina Edelson, assisted by members of the Women's Auxiliary as well as Staff members of the Lodge.

As a result of a letter that was sent out to the members of Hillel Lodge, we have now established a volunteer bank from which we can draw on people to drive residents to medical appointments, serve afternoon tea, help feed our more frail residents, assist with special holiday parties and socialize with the residents. We also have volunteers who entertain the residents regularly. Come and join us in our mitzvah of "Honouring thy father and thy mother." Pauline Litwack, our Chairman, will be happy to hear from you at 829-7010.

One of our most successful fund raising efforts is the Life Member-

ship Plaques chaired by Sadie Silverman, who suggests the purchase of a plaque for special occasions. Another project supervised by our busy Sadie is the Arts and Crafts program, which is enjoyed by the residents, Auxiliary members, along with women from the Community.

As of May, the Kosher Meals on Wheels have increased the delivery to three days per week. (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday). The Women's Auxiliary handles the financial details of this operation.

Mother's Day culminated our sale of raffle tickets and the draw took place at the Lodge. The prize was a beautiful Afghan made by Mrs. Dora Kriger. Betty Finkelman chaired this successful project.

There are birthday parties held almost monthly to celebrate the residents' birthdays.

Our most successful fund raising project continues to be the Spring and Fall Teas, ably chaired by Roz Teller.

It is the involvement of all our members that makes it possible for us to achieve our goals, which are to improve the quality of life for our residents.

Shalom Ottawa

Rebecca Kaufman, Chairman

The Shalom Ottawa Committee produces Shalom Ottawa, a television program which is seen monthly on the area's cable networks. This committee is, in fact, the production team which conceives and puts together each show. In addition to deciding the content of every program, committee members go on location, work studio cameras and edit tapes. During the 1984-85 season, the Shalom Ottawa committee members were Phillip Gennis and Alex Griller, hosts; Harold Sandell, floor director; Marion Silver, reviewer; Samuel Neuman, Steven Rubin and Jo Stern, camera people; Carole Cowan and Liz Kronick, production assistants, and Rebecca Kaufman, producer.

Shalom Ottawa's monthly programs include a wide variety of features relating to Judaism and the Ottawa Jewish community. This season saw us at Arts Alive, visiting the new pre-school facilities at Hillel Academy and enjoying an evening of music with residents of Hillel Lodge. On one show we learned how to make a honey cake and on another, cholent. Local experts discussed such topics as Judaism and modern medical practices, the shofar, and Israel's coalition government. Local artisans demonstrated their skills at jewellery making, calligraphy and ivory carving. And local musicians and singers performed folk, liturgical and original songs. Some shows had book reviews, short films or interviews.

Shalom Ottawa covered the Ottawa Gathering of Holocaust Survivors and Their Children and presented a half-hour 'special' which was shown in May on Cable 12.

Shalom Ottawa is one of eight ethnic kaleidoscopes produced at Skyline Cablevision Studios as part of their community programming division.

Funding is provided through matching grants from the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir and the Ottawa Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women. The committee is open to community members interested in television broadcasting. For further information, call Lillian Laks at 232-7306.



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Canadian Society for Weizmann Institute

Charles Dalfen,
Ottawa President

On November 21, 1984, the Chief Justice Bora Laskin Chair in Science Teaching was dedicated at an impressive ceremony in the foyer of the Supreme Court of Canada before a distinguished audience of judges, diplomats, politicians, lawyers and Weizmann supporters. Chapter President, Charles Dalfen; Head of the Science Teaching Department, Professor Maxim Bruckheimer; Chief Justice Brian Dickson and President of the Canadian Bar Association, Claude Thomson participated in the Dedication ceremonies.

The 1984 Weizmann Lecture was the fourth held in Ottawa with each successive one attracting more attention and interest. On November 7, 1984, Lord David Samuel, professor and researcher at the Weizmann Institute of Science spoke to a packed auditorium on Aging of the Brain.

Having served four years as president of the Ottawa Chapter, Charles Dalfen has assumed the position of Chairman of the Board. John Greenberg took over the presidency of the Ottawa Chapter.

National Council of Jewish Women

Naomi Cracower,
Ottawa President



National Council of Jewish Women, Ottawa Section, (N.C.J.W.) is one of the 10 Council clubs in Canada. This year, we have again tried to uphold the criteria started in our national guidelines — a dedication "in the spirit of Judaism, to furthering human welfare in the Jewish and general communities."

In September, the Board Members of Ottawa Section of N.C.J.W. were fortunate to be addressed by Eleanor Appleby, National Executive Director of our organization. She gave us insights and inspiration to start a meaningful year.

N.C.J.W. Ottawa Section, has had six very successful programs. Dorothy Reitman's presence graced our opening brunch at the National Art Centre and enabled us to reflect upon what we stand for and some of our concerns. Many of us were extremely "charged up" about the upcoming Nairobi Conference in the summer of 1985, which will close the United Nations Decade for Women.

The Israeli Brunch was wonderful. There are not enough superlatives to describe the afternoon. The setting, the food, the company were all excellent. Most importantly, we raised more funds than ever for Council's most worthwhile project, The Israeli Family Counciling Association (I.F.C.A.) in Tel Aviv.

On January 22, David MacDonald, recently returned from Africa, addressed our members, spouses, and friends on the subject of the African famine.

On February 26th, we hosted, along with the Soviet Jewry Committee of Ottawa, a program featuring Council's Jeannette Goldman, International Chairperson of Soviet Jewry and Chairman of Soviet Jewry, Ontario Region. She informed her audience of the plight of the Soviet Jews today and the decline in emigration. She urged everyone to continue to write the refusenik families.

Because all our energy and commitment lie with our Biennial Conference in the spring and the tact

that we will be hosting the ten Council cities in Canada, we have decided to give our Annual Canadian Art Show and Sale a rest for one year. It will return in the spring of 1986, a stronger and better show. However, we will have to honour our financial responsibilities in the community, and to this end, Lynda Greenberg is chairing an art raffle. Henri Masson has donated an oil painting valued at \$6,200. Hillel Lodge, Ottawa's Jewish Home for the Aged, will be the benefactor of the proceeds, in memory of Merida Sachs. A past president of N.C.J.W., Merida participated in a multitude of activities in the community including the Rape Crisis Centre and the Home for Alcoholic Women.

Study Group has had four stimulating evenings.

The Gourmet Group, chaired by Nancy Pleet, has been meeting on alternate Monday mornings.

Shalom Ottawa, Council's Cable T.V. project is in the midst of another season of broadcasting.

We in N.C.J.W. always take pride in the wonderful picnic that we have for our Golden Agers. Unfortunately, on Monday, August 13, the weather did not co-operate and the outdoor picnic was swiftly moved to the J.C.C. The day was wet but our spirits were undampened. A delicious picnic menu, a hardworking group of Council women and most importantly, the revered elders of our community together provided the correct combination for a perfect time. The entertainment was varied and plentiful.

On an ongoing basis, N.C.J.W. funds the Jewish Social Service Agency's kosher "Meals on Wheels" program. The Jewish community is pleased that the Tamir House will be a reality in June. Council has taken the responsibility of setting up the kitchen.

We provide a scholarship to both the Ottawa School of Art and Carleton University.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the N.C.J.W., the board and the executive for their support and guidance. Through their efforts, we can continue to function as a visible organization and to maintain our commitments in Israel, the Jewish and general communities.



Foundation for Jewish Education

Martin K. Levinson, President

The Canadian Foundation for Jewish Education is a registered charity. It was set up for the purpose of being able to support Torah education in Canada, in Israel, in the United States and other countries of the world.

We are pleased to list hereunder the names of the institutions which solicited funds in Ottawa during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1984 and the amounts raised by each of them:

Rabbinical College of Canada	4,475.00
Diskin Orphan Home	1,620.00
Rabbinical Seminary of America	1,607.00
Beth Joseph Zvi	
Duchinsky	2,935.00
Slabodka Yeshiva	1,114.07
Telsche Yeshiva	1,021.00
Centre Yeshiva Beth Joseph	536.00
Maor Hagola Rabbinical College	1,097.00
Yeshiva Lomza Petach Tikvah	537.00
Heichal Hatalmud	1,383.84
Beth Medrash Govoha	1,687.00
Yeshiva Gedola Merkaz Hatorah	973.00
First Mesitta of Canada	708.00
Ner Israel Rabbinical College	1,363.00

Knesset Bnei Hagola	2,113.00
Yeshiva Torah Emeth	2,124.00
Ohel Moshe Diskin	1,778.00
Ner Israel Yeshiva College	1,148.00
Beth Jacob School for Girls	
General Israel Orphans Home	1,973.00
Kerem B'yavneh	1,203.00
Oir Hachaim Tasker	262.50
Yeshiva	3,098.00
Israel Children's Home	1,643.00
Ateret Shalom Yeshiva	160.00
	\$36,519.41

A total of 24 institutions solicited funds in Ottawa and raised a combined amount of \$36,519.41. The Canadian Foundation charges a 5% administration fee for this service.

As well, the Foundation acts as a transmittal agent for certain institutions. These funds are sent in from other communities in Canada and the Foundation handles the transfer, scholarship forms and receipting. For this service, a 3% administration charge is levied.

During the fiscal year under review, the following funds were handled:

Ponevez Yeshiva	\$33,541.99
Hebrew Theological College	6,154.00
	\$39,695.99



Talmud Torah Afternoon School

Roslyn Kimmel, Chairman
Doris Bronstein, Principal

The Talmud Torah Afternoon School enjoyed an increased enrollment of 18% this year, bringing the total to 217 students registered in both the afternoon and high school programs. Next year we will have two classes in Grades 2, 3 and 5.

Special events throughout the year have included a "Dreidel Contest" and school plays during Chanuka. Agudath Israel Synagogue was the setting for our Talmud Torah Shabbat. In attendance were approximately 650 guests and the students conducted the service with confidence and grace. This year a new dimension to the teaching of Shabbat was added in the Pre-School. Each class held their own Shabbat party, baked challot and invited their parents to join them. Grade 5 held their Tu B'Shevat Seder in February amongst parents and guests. Purim was celebrated with a mask exhibition and school plays. This year Grades 2-7 created their own Seder plate designs which were baked on to melamine plates. All classes conducted mock seders prior to Pesach. To culminate the year, the Yom Hashoa ceremony was dedicated to the "Children of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp", an Israeli Dancing session was held for Yom Ha'Atzmaut and a Lag Ba'Omer sports day was enjoyed by the students.

Talmud Torah is dedicated to offering comprehensive Hebrew curriculum. Other goals include instilling in the students strong Jewish values, heritage and a deep sense of Jewish identity. In order to meet some of these objectives, our qualified professional staff are subjected to the most current teaching methods and materials available. This year Talmud Torah exposed the staff to a number of excellent Professional Development Workshops.

Our P.D. day was held in February, in conjunction with the Educational Resource Centre. The theme was Shabbat. In March, one teacher went to CJC Toronto for a session entitled "Teaching Israel in the Classroom". Through the O.B.E. Heritage Language Program, a teacher participated in a course for teaching a second language.

In December 1984, Ottawa Talmud Torah Afternoon High School acquired the new name of "Akiva" High School. This name indicated the confirmation of a Community High School. Twenty-six students enjoyed courses in Bible, History and Language. Highlights were an Israeli Chanuka program with Nechemia Dishon, Tu B'Shevat Seder and a Soviet Pesach Seder. Several guest speakers dotted the program: Alma Norman — Women in Judaism; Pauline King — Parliamentary Spouses for Soviet Jewry; Dr. Harry Prizant — Ethiopia — Falashas, Sharon Drache — Canadian Jewish Literature and Svend Robinson M.P. on Hate Literature. Last but not least, a day in Montreal visiting the "Holocaust Centre" and "Canadian Jewish Congress".

The program for next year is upgraded and offers a complete new set of courses. Application for a credit in Hebrew Language was sought from the Ontario Ministry of Education. This course should be confirmed by June.

A parents committee has been established under the chairmanship of Dr. Myron Cheren.

The Talmud Torah Afternoon School and Akiva High School have concluded a successful year. Our competent teaching staff coupled with our quality Hebrew program plus many other challenging activities should make 5746 both exciting and inspiring.



Emunah Mizrahi Women's Council

Rivka Kraus, President

Our Annual Souvenir Calendar, by now an Ottawa Institution, was again circulated to the homes of the Ottawa Jewish Community at Rosh Hashana time. Under the capable chairmanship of Sara Dlena, it has evoked a magnificent response for much needed funds in support of our on-going projects in Israel.

Traditionally, the members of the Rachel Kizell Chapter, mail out sweet and timely New Years wishes, via their yearly "Honey Project". Proceeds have again been heartwarming generous, and have helped to sweeten the lives of the children in our nurseries and kindergartens in Israel.

Emunah-Mizrahi Council launched a Memorial Scholarship Fund, in memory of the late Gertie Liberman, in the spirit of her efforts during her life-time, the proceeds of this fund will be directed towards a scholarship at our Nivei-Michael Day Care Centre.

Under the capable administration of Molly Sherman, The Aviv-Ora Chapter dedicated its efforts towards a very successful Phantom Tea around Chanukah time.

Kudos to Dr. Pearl Weinberger, who arranged for a series of educational lectures under the title "Preventive Medicine" through the months of November, December and January.

Dr. Nathan Schecter graced our meeting at the home of Shirley Ciment with a most interesting Insider's Review and discussion on illnesses symptomatic to Jewish people in particular, followed by a very lively question and answer period. Members of the June Wilkinson Aerobic Dance Group treated us to a live demonstration with enthusiastic audience participation limbering up for physical fitness.

A subsequent meeting at the home of Miriam Bendel, featured Dr. James Borovay, Orthodontist, in a very enlightening lecture on the importance of dental care towards general well being from childhood to adulthood. This well attended meeting attested to our concern and desire to learn of the hows and whys of family good health.

Rabbi David Tropper, a dean of the Ottawa Torah Institute, was our guest speaker in January at the

home of Sara Dlena. A fascinating treatise of "Women's Superiority in the Torah" held us all spell-bound. The extent of the Jewish woman's contribution as the guardian of her family, was brought home to us. It was a most thought-provoking, stimulating evening, which will hopefully be followed by more lectures in this vein.

The Aviv Ora Chapter celebrated Tu-B Shvat with a most successful membership Melaveh Malka, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Abe Aberback. Cold weather and wet boots notwithstanding, their warm hospitality exuded an atmosphere of camaraderie and congeniality, which made for a lovely evening. Rabbi Israel Morgenstern, a dean of the Ottawa Torah Institute, added spice to the refreshments of the evening with his D'Var Torah.

Through its Phantom Mo-as Chit-tim Tea, the Rachel Kizell Chapter again appealed to its many friends in the community, to help provide Pesach foods and necessities to the needy in Israel. They feel up-lifted that their efforts were so warmly received and rewarded.

As a follow-up to last year's successful fund-raising Passover Recipe Book, the Aviv-Ora Chapter circulated a second edition of "Recipes you may have missed" entitled: Book II "From Near and Far." Compiled by Shirley Steinberg and Rose Taylor, this new edition contains many exotic recipes which makes Pesach cooking a culinary pleasure.

Your pleasure has been Emunah's gain, as your contributions enable us to help build lives in Israel!!

In response to the overwhelming out-pouring of care and concern from the whole community, Emunah Mizrahi of Ottawa, has set up a Refuah Shleimoh Tribute Fund to Isaac and Helen Belles.

On Wednesday, May 15th, our annual Mother-in-Israel Tribute Luncheon took place at the Jewish Community Centre, presided over by Molly Sherman, Luncheon Chair-lady. The key-note speaker was Mrs. Miriam Hauer of Montreal, with guest artists The Israeli Singers who presented a delightful medley honouring our Mother's in Israel.

Ottawa Friends of Peace Now

By Martin Gordon, Chairman

Peace Now (Shalom Achshav) is an Israeli movement committed to Israel's genuine search for peace and concerned with preserving both the democratic and the Jewish character of the State of Israel. Ottawa Friends of Peace Now supports this Israeli movement by promoting its principles within the Jewish community and by raising funds for Peace Now educational activities within Israel and the Canadian Jewish community.

Our main activity for 1984 was an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue with Mr. Tzail Reshef, a lawyer and chief spokesperson of Peace Now in Israel and Dr. Sari Nusseibah, a philosophy professor at Bir Zeit University in the West Bank. The event, held at the Jewish Community Centre December 4, 1984 and chaired by lawyer Lawrence Greenspon, was the first of its kind in Ottawa.

Both speakers agreed on the need for a negotiated peace settlement between Israelis and Palestinians founded on mutual recognition and the protection of legitimate security requirements of both parties.

Dr. Nusseibah said he considered the PLO to be his people's legitimate representative, but that he did not support all PLO actions and policies. Instead, he said, he has been working within Palestinian circles for a PLO commitment to a peaceful settlement and compromise.

Mr. Reshef stressed that Israel must address the Palestinian problem in a way that will leave the country secure, Jewish and democratic. He pointed out that even if it were possible to hold the Arab population under permanent military occupation, this would not only destroy Israel's moral character, it would also lead to escalating unrest within Israeli-held territory.

Other activities for 1984 included: a talk by Peace Now activist Professor Hillel Shuval, of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; participation in two North American Peace Now conferences; self-education meetings; and educational sessions with several Jewish community groups. For more information contact Gabriella Goliger, 238-5602.



Peace Now's Israeli-Palestinian dialogue was a first in Ottawa. L. to R. Lawrence Greenspon (chairing) Tzail Reshef, Sari Nusseibah.

Ottawa Women's ORT

Ruth Mayost, Regional President



ORT Ottawa has four Chapters which are geared to suit the needs and interests of all ages and lifestyles and have once again welcomed new women to their ranks and succeeded in raising funds in support of ORT projects around the world.

ORT is the largest non-governmental network for vocational training schools in the world. In its second century of service ORT programmes cover an average enrollment of 100,000 students in more than 900 centres, schools and training units in more than 40 countries around the world. Our most recent challenge has been the training of the newly arrived Falashas in Israel.

Fundraising activities again included a Christmas gift wrapping project at one of the busiest shopping centres in Ottawa organized by the Chaverot Chapter whose members were literally worked off their feet.

In celebration of ORT month in Ottawa, the Honourable Marion Dewar, Mayor of the city of Ottawa, declared May 22, 1984 as ORT Day. The Agudath Israel Synagogue organized a Women's Rosh Chodesh service dedicated to ORT on May 2, 1984. Chaverot, our most junior chapter, was extremely successful in organizing the Mother's Day brunch boxes that were distributed with the help of all groups the night before Mother's Day.

Shalom, our most senior group had two successful booksales and an even better Phantom Tea. Funds towards six mini scholarships were also contributed by this group.

Eretz Chapter had a booksale and an annual tea. This group initiated an interesting new project by mailing out hand-made luggage tassels together with an accompanying poem for which many donations were received.

Ellat Chapter organized a Phantom Tea and a booksale.

ORT's Annual Awards Evening was held on June 28, 1984 at the Westin Hotel. Our guest speaker this year was Mrs. Nechama Ben Horin, the wife of Israel's Ambassador to Canada. She not only supported our efforts wholeheartedly but was able to provide us with encouragement to continue our endeavours. Entertainment was provided by the Israella Singers with a medley of songs in Hebrew, English and Yiddish. Awards were presented for the Woman of the Year to Mrs. Reba Diener, our Treasurer of many years, and to outstanding group members for dedicated service — to Heidi Pivnick for organizing the Mother's Day Brunch, to Zehava Farber for the successful Xmas wrapping project and to Thelma Steinman and Natalie Kudish for their continuous efforts to collect funds for the Organization.

ORT this year's Awards Evening on May 28 at the Embassy West Hotel and will host two visiting ORT students from Israel and Brazil.

My report would not be complete without expressing my thanks and gratitude to all of Ottawa's ORT Chapters, to our members at large and Ottawa's Jewish Community as a whole, whose generous donations have contributed so much to our success.

B'nai B'rith Bytown Lodge No. 3061

David Ingre,
Immediate Past President

The slightly over sixty members of the Ottawa area's youngest and smallest lodge continue to take pride in their contribution to the community.

Maintaining its tradition of community volunteer service, Bytown regularly sends members to Hilliel Lodge. There, music, song, dance and the occasional antics of members' children delight the residents and bring satisfaction to our participants.

Another tradition is the Lodge Car Rally. For a number of years now, Bytown has organized a rally for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Associations. The clues, games, treasure hunts and questions put together by the Route Committee test the ingenuity of the Little Sister and Little Brother navigators. The Rally culminates in the annual picnic of the Associations, at which Bytown hands out prizes (each child eventually receives one), and its members risk mustaches and beards barbecuing hamburgers.

The Ottawa-Carleton Committee of the League for Human Rights has always played an important role for Bytown. This year's chairman, Howard Spunt, last year's, David Ingre, and the previous year's, Allan Markowitz, are all Bytowners, as are a number of other Committee members. Thus, the Lodge participated actively in a public forum dealing with Japanese and Jewish Canadians. In the present campaign to achieve honorary Canadian citizenship for Raoul Wallenberg, and in the League's success in having B'nai Brith Canada granted official standing before the Deschênes Commission on War Criminals.

Last October, Bytown was happy to entertain a large number of guests at its annual Monte Carlo Night fundraiser. Many of you helped us make it a success, as you took a chance at blackjack and the wheels of fortune, and bid outrageously at our auction, delivered by J.J. Clarke of CKOY Radio. Past President of Bytown, Brian Pearl, working with Lodge Brothers such as Chuck Merovitz, Len Katz and Sye Mincoff, got the whole Lodge involved and deserve a round of applause.

Programming Chairman Howard Spunt treated us to a variety of programs each month. September set the tone with a heated panel discussion on the admission of women to B'nai Brith Canada. Later, Mrs. Kay Shimizu told us of her experience as a Japanese Canadian interned during the War on the West Coast. The Ottawa Rough Riders Director of Public Relations provided insight into professional sports for another evening, and the Lodge brothers rounded off the winter by enjoying a relatively tobacco-less "smokers night" at which Trivial Pursuits vied with the intellect of bridge.

Elections in April yielded a new Executive. Its installation will take place June 2nd, when Bytown happily joins with Ottawa and Parliament Lodges in the first ever Joint Installation and Supper Dance. President-Elect of Bytown, Stuart Leibovitch, joins with his Incoming Executive and all members in inviting the community to attend, and in a hearty wish for continued success to the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* and to the Va'ad.

Ecole Maimonides

George Adler, Chairman
Rabbi Mordecai Berger,
Director of Education

Another successful year is almost at Ottawa's Tri-Lingual Jewish Day School: Ecole Maimonides. Situated in the Graham Park Community Centre, on 25 Esquimaux Avenue, Nepean, Maimonides offers a Nursery program, 2 Kindergartens, Grades 1 to 5 (next year Grade 6). Each passing year sees us growing and enriching our curriculum for our children's benefit. Thanks to our well-planned program, of Hebrew, English and French Immersion, our children will be full of confidence, prepared to face the future with their acquired skills.

Maimonides has pioneered many innovative programs in developing a broad and dynamic curriculum. Our rich Hebrew studies focuses on the classical Jewish works, Chumash, Rashi, Mishna, Navil, giving students skills to use these texts. Our Hebrew language arts program has been upgraded by the work of Rachel Dlena, the language specialist. Rosh Chodesh Assemblies have added a new spirit

to our school.

Social studies, science, math, physical education, sports, computer sessions, are all part of the French program. To enrich it socially as well as academically, sport day, educational field trips, theatre plays, library sessions, Read-a-thon, the speech contest, Science Fair make school life at Maimonides a challenging and very motivating one.

Because we believe in the motto "A healthy mind in a healthy body", we made sure that our children have enough exercise. The school offers in addition to our regular physical education classes, a volleyball and basketball team.

For the next year, we are working on special programs for art and music. These are only two of some of the many projects envisaged so far. If you are interested in hearing more about it all and want to join the real choice for the future, don't hesitate to let us know. We'll be delighted to answer all your questions.



Maimonides students herd et work.

Tamir Foundation

Lily Penso, President

After more than four years of conscientious and dedicated efforts the Tamir Foundation is pleased to announce that arrangements have now been finalized for the leasing of our first group home in the Carling/Kirkwood area, in which we will be able to accommodate up to four developmentally handicapped young adults who require varying degrees of instruction, support and assistance in the activities of daily living. Through our programme, these people will achieve a greater level of independence and participate more fully as citizens in our community and in a Jewish milieu, observing Kashrut and Jewish holidays and customs.

The Jewish community have been most supportive from the very start in helping us achieve our goal, both in the way of becoming members of our Foundation (\$25.00 family membership, \$15.00 single membership), and through the purchase of all occasion donor cards (\$5.00 minimum). In addition, we are appreciative of the receipt of interest from several Jewish Community Endowment Funds, as well as personal donations and those from service organizations.

Over the past year our applicants were professionally assessed and recommendations were made for programming and staff requirements. Rabbi Joseph Kelman, the founding president of the Reena Foundation in Toronto, spoke to our

Board in August of 1984, and after his inspiring talk the Board of Directors voted to proceed without Government funding which is not forthcoming as yet. A new Board of Directors was installed in October, 1984, at our annual general meeting; the executive committee is composed of President, Lily Penso, Vice-President Hilary Ingre, Secretary Shirley Dubinsky, Treasurer Libby Steinberg, and Members at Large Michael Caplan and Sylvia Pleet. With the permission of the Va'ad for a single fund-raising event, and with the expertise of Rose Taylor and her co-chairmen Ben Karp and Libby Steinberg, plans are well underway to hold a L'Chaim Cocktail reception on Wednesday, June 26, at the home of Muriel and Joseph Ginsberg, to which donors who contribute \$250.00 or more will be invited. The proceeds from this event will go towards operating costs and it is hoped that a city-wide campaign will be held in the Spring of 1986.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to each and every Board member, and a special vote of thanks on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Tamir Foundation to the community at large who have been very supportive of our efforts to establish a service which will enable the residents to live with dignity and support in a Jewish home in the community.

Ottawa Council of Hadassah-WIZO

Edith Kizell, President



Canadian Hadassah-WIZO is the largest women's organization in the country. It has a membership of 17,000 reaching from coast to coast. Hadassah-WIZO is one of over 50 WIZO federations. WIZO exists in five continents and has a membership of 25,000 women.

By the time you receive this report our Medical Services luncheon with Beverly Swedko as Chairperson will have been held and I am sure it will be as successful as those of previous years.

Last September a Holt Renfrew "Shopping Spree" was held with Brenda Wolf as Chairperson. This proved to be a financial success.

Our Youth Aliyah campaign kicked off with a brunch and children's fashion show. Miriam Levitan and Norma Pivnick were Co-Chairpersons.

As always our annual Bazaar, under the capable Chairmanship of Phyllis Leith was innovative and

very successful. Phyllis and Judi Kerzner have undertaken the co-chairmanship of the 1985 Bazaar.

A National Public Affairs Seminar was held in Ottawa on May 4-7th.

We are delighted to announce that Debbie Baylin was chosen, along with 11 participants from Canada, to attend the Aviv Seminar in Israel May 14-21. Participants were from WIZO Federations across the world. Canada is the only country that has no Aviv Chapters. All participants are under 40 years of age.

WIZO has made many exciting plans for workshops and tours and we feel sure that this experience will provide the participants with greater insights and skills they will be able to use in their community and nationally and they will return to Canada stimulated, more knowledgeable and with a new dimension in their lives.

Ottawa Chevra Kadisha

Sam Petigorsky,
Gabbai Rishon

The past year was a very busy year for our Chevra Kadisha. We serviced 70 cases — 28 men, 41 women and 1 baby. The number of deaths in Ottawa has increased from year to year.

Several individuals were accepted as probationary members and active members. It is becoming increasingly more difficult for our older members to carry on efficiently without the help of the younger members. Therefore, it is essential that young people volunteer their services for the Chevra Kadisha.

During the past year a number of improvements were made to the interior of the Chapel. Further modifications are contemplated for this year to the interior and the exterior of the building. The cost of maintenance has increased substantially during the past year.

The work of the Chevra Kadisha is not always without problems and difficulties. There are times when we must take certain actions which may appear harsh and antagonistic to some individuals, to ensure the efficient and smooth operation of our work. We can assure you that what we do to facilitate our work is for the benefit of the entire community.

The Ottawa Chevra Kadisha is

unique in that it is recognized as one of the best Chevra Kadishas in the country and possibly in North America. The Ottawa Jewish community can be proud of their Chevra Kadisha and of the devoted members — men and especially women.

Our annual meeting was held on December 4, 1984 in our Chapel. The following Officers were elected: Sam Petigorsky — Gabbai Rishon M. Sidney Green — Gabbai Abe Hanser — Gabbai Izzle Greenberg — Gabbai Martin K. Levinson — Financial Secretary

Dr. Philip Gosewich — Recording Secretary

Abe Hanser — Treasurer

Our annual banquet was held at the Jewish Community Centre on December 9, 1984 and as usual, it was an outstanding success.

We wish to extend our thanks to the clergy, the chairmen of the Synagogue Cemetery Committees and to Hy Gould and Israel Shinder for their co-operation. We also wish to thank the members of the Ottawa Jewish Community for their past co-operation and we hope they will continue to co-operate in the future.

May the Almighty grant you the best of health and nachas from your families.



Israel Program Centre

Irene and Nehemia Dishon, Shlichim

The official opening of the Israel Program Centre last November marked the beginning of a new era for the Ottawa Community. In many respects the I.P.C. represents the long awaited answer to the constant problems of informing the Community, both young and old, about Israeli culture, problems, the kibbutz movement, work programs, Aliyah and much, much more.

The duties of the I.P.C. over the last six months have included: •Outreach into the Community at the secondary, post secondary and private levels, with activities such as our Information days at various High Schools; highly successful "Israel Day(s)" at U of Ottawa and Carleton U in conjunction with J.S.U. Hillel; and many others. •Supplying a large amount of information (from the I.P.C.) to various peoples and groups within the city, on a variety of subjects about Israel. •Initiating programs to increase student awareness of Israel (often in conjunction with J.S.U. Hillel).

One of our most important functions — conducting various interviews (more than 70 since November) necessary for placement on a variety of programs, for instance: kibbutz, Upan and University, many varied summer programs and, as well, numerous excellent volunteer programs — all very, very important for Israel and the Diaspora.

All this has been accomplished with the tremendous aid and cooperation of the J.C.C. and Community.

We look forward to many accomplishments at the Israel Program Centre and to the Ottawa community taking full advantage of its many opportunities!

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